

**Weather**  
Dense fog in the valley through this morning. Increasing higher clouds today with a slight chance of showers through tonight. Fair Thursday. Little temperature change. Lows tonight in the low 40s. Highs today and Thursday in the upper 40s to low 50s. Light winds. Livermore 51.

## Shifts onus to community

# Hall recommends fair board drop reins

Lee Hall, secretary-manager of the Alameda County Fair Association, last night recommended to Fair directors they relinquish their organizing and major financial role in the nearly four decades old Fair parade.

The recommendation included an option to continue providing some financial support for a parade, though only a fraction of the \$3,000 to \$4,000 put forth in recent years.

In effect, the move would put the onus on community groups to undertake organization and major financial support of a parade. In such case, the annual event, previously held opening day of the Fair, would no longer be a "Fair parade" per se.

A tentative meeting involving Fair leaders and Chamber of Commerce leaders on the parade question failed to take place

though Ben Fernandez, president of the chamber, had indicated late last week he hoped to meet with Hall by Tuesday — prior to last night's Fair Board of Directors meeting.

That meeting may still come about and include city and Jaycees representatives. The Jaycees' Glenn Shafro told The Times Tuesday the group was interested in taking over organization of the parade but financial support — at least to the extent of what the Fair has done — was another matter.

Shafro also ventured the possibility of a parade with broad-based financial support, including merchants and/or civic organizations. He said it was possible the Jaycees could provide their considerable organizational expertise and a small amount of financing (for prizes, among other expenses).

However, he said it would be extremely difficult for the Jaycees to ramrod a Fair-time parade after any earlier participation with an event such as the KNBR "Good Times" parade.

The San Francisco radio station apparently is interested in coming back to Pleasanton for a "third annual" affair in late May. This would put the parade barely a month before the long-standing Fair march.

Hall said Tuesday the 1975 parade cost \$5,152 (and not \$4,200 as previously reported) with 50 per cent of that amount going to cash awards and prizes for floats, marching units, etc.

In 1974, the total expense was \$3,400 with \$2,055 of that figure going to prizes. In 1973, the figures were \$3,330 and \$1,818, respectively.

If the Fair Association steps aside, the parade would be dead pending any reviving by community groups such as the Jaycees, chamber and bicentennial committee.

The latter has made a fervent plea to have a parade continued at least through 1976 in light of the bicentennial year. On Friday, committee members approved giving a portion of proceeds from an upcoming event to the group that would organize a 1976 march.

With the Fair Association out of the organizational and major financial support picture, any new sponsors could move the date of the parade or presumably combine it with a "Good Times" affair.

— by Al Fischer

## Developers could build 'under 30'

PLEASANTON — Developers could build homes under \$30,000, but they would need close cooperation from the city, Director of Housing and Community Development John Bowling told the city council Monday.

Bowling said he has spoken to several local developers who are interested in getting into the moderate income market. It could be done, but developers and the city would have to look at the whole housing package to see where costs could be cut, said Bowling.

For one thing, there would not be any frills on the homes, he said. "We're talking about single family detached houses with maybe 1,000 to 1,200 square feet of floor space," he said. "There would be no family room or dining room, no dishwashers or other amenities."

Other factors which could reduce costs would include narrower streets and perhaps different lot line configurations, like the zero lot line concept where one of the side yards is eliminated. Bowling told The Times yesterday.

It's also possible the city could change its minimum lot size of 6,500 square feet, said Bowling. He emphasized he is not calling for its reduction, but thinks it would have to be examined as part of the whole picture in reducing housing costs.

One problem with the push for moderate income housing is that the developers who talked to Bowling about it have already filed subdivision maps with conventional lot sizes and alignments. If they changed the plans, they would have to file new maps.



DAYS TO CHRISTMAS



## Bicentennial Band strikes up!

Pleasanton's newly-organized Bicentennial Band will present a program of Christmas music this Sunday at 4 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street. The concert is open to the public and is free of charge. Here, conductor Jerry Lapinski rehearses band during

weekly session at Amador Valley High band room. Pleasanton Bicentennial Festival Committee hopes to have band evolve into a permanent community group that could play summer concerts and at other special events. (Times Photo)

## 'Citizens input' her platform

# Loveless enters VMH race

LIVERMORE — Alyce Loveless, a believer in the value of citizen input in the health field, has declared her candidacy for the Murray Township (Livermore) seat on the Valley Memorial Hospital board of directors.

Loveless, a hybrid microelectronics designer at Sandia Laboratories, plans to campaign on three issues: opposition to the proposed Pleasanton hospital, valley mental health needs, and increased citizen input in hospital decisions.

"I believe there has to be a closer association between mental health and other medical needs. It would be great if people could present themselves at the hospital for any health need, and be helped," Loveless said. She has served

for two years as a member of the Alameda County Mental Health Advisory Board. She has also been director of Connection, a crisis/suicide prevention line.

"The mental health issue in the valley is a very critical one," said Loveless. She favors the establishment of a 24-hour crisis center in the valley.

Loveless opposes the building of a hospital in Pleasanton.

"It's simply too costly, and would raise prices at VMH," she said. "With sky-rocketing medical costs, we are going to price ourselves right out of medical care. It's getting to the point that only the wealthy can afford to be sick," Loveless added.

If elected to the board,

Loveless would seek more input from hospital users.

"Just because the hospital is run as a private corporation, that shouldn't preclude users from giving feedback to the board. As it stands now, people don't even know who the board is," she said.

Loveless has had problems trying to contact VMH Association members to distribute campaign literature.

"I asked for a copy of the association membership list. This is a special constituency, and there's no other way to learn who's a member," she observed.

"I was told the list would not be made public, first because of the marketability of the list, and second to pre-

serve confidentiality," Loveless said.

The list could be hand-copied, she noted, but in three hours Loveless had been able to transcribe only 229 names.

"I've asked for a clarification of the policy. All I want is the names and addresses, no phone numbers, no record of their donations. So far the staff has been unable to come up with a written copy of their policy on the matter," she said.

Loveless has collected more than the required 25 association member signatures to place her name on the ballot. She plans to file the petition soon with the board secretary.

Loveless will challenge Eric Wente and incumbent Arthur Henry for the Murray Township seat.

Only VMH Association members may vote in the election. Polls close Feb. 19.

— by Karen Boyle



Alyce Loveless

## Home contest under way

The Christmas Home Decorating Contest in Pleasanton is underway! Pleasanton Jaycees are inviting residents of the city to decorate their residences in the spirit of the season.

Those wishing consideration for cash prizes of \$75, first place; \$50, second place, or \$25 third place, should send their name and street address (typed or written clearly on a 3x5 inch piece of paper or post card) to Christmas contest, c/o Jaycees, Chamber office, 10 W. Neal St., Pleasanton 94566.

Glenn Shafro, Jaycees spokesman, said displays should reflect the spirit of the season but not be lavish outdoor scenes or tableaux.

Deadline for entries is Saturday, Dec. 20.

Judging of those residences entered will be done on the evening of Sunday, Dec. 21 or Monday, Dec. 22.

Winners and photos of the decorated homes will be presented in The Times issue of Wednesday, Dec. 24.

Chairman of this year's event is Don Grant. Shafro will serve as co-chairman.

# Gale tells Brown of pending retirement

PLEASANTON — Judge William Gale has notified Governor Edmund Brown, Jr., of his intention to retire December 31, but he has not filed the formal papers for retirement yet.

That was the word yesterday from state officials in Sacramento. Susan Pritchard of the governor's office said that Brown has received Gale's letter notifying him of Gale's intention to retire after the last court business is concluded December 31. Several local attorneys have written to Brown, saying they are interested in being appointed to the municipal judgeship when Gale retires, said Pritchard.

Since Gale has not sent in his formal resignation, there has been speculation in the valley that Gale might delay his retirement beyond December 31. Anyone appointed by Governor Brown prior to January 10 would not have any election opposition for two years. A judge appointed after that date could face an election next June because filing for election to the bench opens January 10.

It would behoove attorneys who might not be considered for the appointment to hope Gale would retire after January 10 so they could run in the election next June. Reportedly two polls have been taken of local barristers on the question of whether Gale should delay his announced retirement intentions.

One poll, believed taken by a Republican attorney, phrased the question something like this: "We all agree Judge Gale has done a good job on the bench and he should stay on beyond December 31, yes or no." Reportedly 21 attorneys said yes and nine said no.

Another poll, asked by a Democratic attorney, said something like this: "Judge Gale should retire at the end of the year as he announced he would, yes or no." That poll reportedly was unanimous in favor of Gale's retirement on December 31. It is not known how big the sampling was, though it is believed smaller than the first poll. The political composition of those polled also is not

known. Brown is a Democratic governor, but California governors in the past have appointed judges from political parties not their own.

At one point during his retirement considerations, Judge Gale was believed to be concerned that Brown might appoint someone from outside the valley. But he reportedly has been reassured that only a local person could be appointed.

The Times checked that point yesterday with Bob Williams of the governor's office. The law states that in a municipal court appointment, the appointee must have been a resident of the local municipal court district for at least 54 days prior to his or her appointment. There are exceptions in some counties, but Alameda County is not on the list of exceptions, said Williams.

Judge Gale was not available for comment on his retirement plans or about the polling among local attorneys.

— by Ron McNicoll

## At press time

# Trustees eye smoke ban

DUBLIN — Amador Valley Joint High School District trustees last night took their final look at the possibility of setting up designated smoking areas at district campuses.

They have the option to uphold the present prohibition of smoking, okay smoking areas at one or more campuses or give conditional approval of setting up designated smoking areas.

A summary report from the Campus Smoking Legislation Committee showed 1,019 students, faculty and parents opposed to continuing prohibition of smoking on district campuses.

A status quo was supported by 834. However, a breakdown of the vote showed those parents polled in favor of the present law by a 393 to 273 count. Faculty polled were opposed, 93 to 50 as were students at the four campuses, 548 to 282.

A greater majority of those polled by the committee indicated they would not be willing to enforce continued prohibition of smoking on campus. The vote was 1,055 to 694.

Those polled would were done so via forms taken home to parents, a Times survey

and open houses at each of the schools.

As of press time last night trustees were still debating the question of setting up designated smoking areas on the district's campuses.

At their last meeting trustees learned that there were open campuses at Dublin and Amador but a closed campus at Foothill. Thus, students at

the former two campuses can smoke if they so wish in front of the campus or in residential areas. Because of the relative isolation of the Foothill campus, students have been known to smoke in restrooms on the campus. In effect, then, a designated smoking area at Foothill would have some merit but not so at Amador and Dublin.

## LAVWA asks policy on new sewer plants

PLEASANTON — Recognizing that Zone 7 may win the lead agency designation for water management planning in the Alameda Creek watershed above Niles, the Livermore-Amador Valley Water Management Agency last night voted to ask Zone 7 to clarify its policy on building additional sewer plants in the valley.

Chairwoman Lila Euler admitted she's "not sure we want to win" the designation as lead agency. LAVWA and Zone 7 are currently vying for the Bay Area Sewer Services Agency designation. Both agencies pre-

sented testimony before the BASSA board last month.

A decision on which agency will be given the nod is expected in January.

Euler said the main area of dispute between the Zone and LAVWA is over sewer plant proliferation.

"We need to work with Zone 7 especially if they are chosen lead agency. I'm not sure we want to win the designation," Euler said.

The board unanimously agreed to ask Zone 7 to declare it would confine sewage treatment to the facility currently available.

## Do you grab and run?

What kind of Christmas-tree shopper are you?  
**HIT AND RUN:** Grab the first tree on the left, pay for it and split.

**QUITTER:** Decide that THIS will be the year for the perfect tree, but give up halfway through the lot when your feet start to get numb from the cold.

**COMPULSIVE:** Inspect every tree, trying to find one without ANY bare spots...with one (not two or three) perfect branch at the top to hold the star...and a few extra low-growing boughs you can saw off for your wreath.

**CHICKEN:** Send the kids out with \$3 and instructions not to come back with anything under six feet.

**CONSERVATIONIST:** Stagger home with a two-foot tree in a four-foot tub, that may look unconventional but will be a living Christmas memory in your garden after the holidays.

**SCIENTIFIC:** Follow the guide below for efficient selection and care of your tree:

- Size and shape should fit your available space.
- Get it early for wider selection.
- Stand your tree in a bucket of water outdoors or in a cool place indoors until ready to decorate, protect it from sun and winds that will dry it.
- When you bring the tree indoors, make a fresh cut across the bottom an inch above the old cut. Cut it cleanly so the tree can absorb water.

●Put the tree in a container of water or in a Christmas tree stand that has a water reservoir. Lukewarm water is taken up more readily than cold. In a warm room, a tree will absorb up to a quart of water a day.

●If you allow the tree to become dry it can be a fire hazard. So keep it away from the fireplace, radiators, air ducts and TV sets, all of which are drying.

●Freshness Test: Bounce the butt end of your tree on the ground. If needles shower down, the tree has begun to dry out. Tug at the end of the branch. Drying needles will pull out easily.

The butt end of a fresh tree will be sticky with sap. Lower branches will be springy and will bounce back when spread wide.

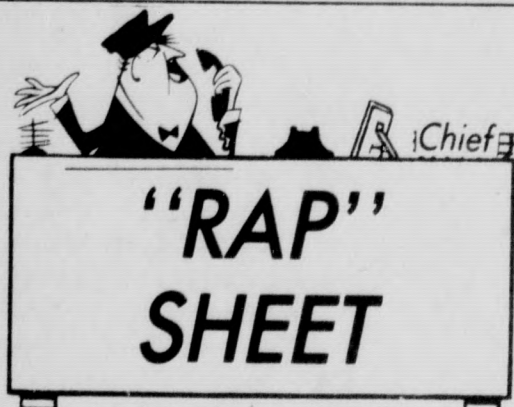
Other signs of freshness are fragrant odor, healthy color and full needles.

●A well-proportioned tree has lower branches that measure half the height of the tree when spread out. The stump is 6-7 inches long.

●After Christmas, you can recycle your tree into woodchips to use as mulch, or use branches to protect plants from wind or to shelter wildlife.

●And take careful note: A recent survey of buying habits concluded that a woman generally finds a tree of better quality and pays less for it than a man.





### \$200 stereo system stolen

LIVERMORE — A stereo system valued at approximately \$200 was stolen sometime Friday from a Fenton St. residence, police said yesterday.

John Wesley Batcheller told police the thieves removed a louvered window to enter the home and steal the property.

### North Livermore Townhouse ransacked Friday

LIVERMORE — property worth more than \$900 was stolen from a townhouse on Friday, police reported yesterday.

Police said thieves used heavy pliers to break a door lock and enter the residence. The burglars ransacked the house and stole a color television, stereo system, a rifle and a toolbox. Police are searching for a 1956 Buick sighted near the scene.

### Cash taken from Tyler St. home last week

LIVERMORE — Approximately \$270 in cash was taken from a Tyler St. home last week.

Thomas Bernard Silvey Jr. told police the money, in tens and twenties, was hidden under his stereo set. Police reported no signs of forced entry.

### \$234 a dance

LIVERMORE — A coat placed on the bar during a dance was robbed of \$234 in cash early Sunday, a woman told police yesterday.

Karen Sue Seilold of North I St. told police she returned to the bar after the dance and found the coat missing. A friend found the coat shortly thereafter but without the cash. Police have no suspects in the case.

### Three suspects arrested in burglary case

LIVERMORE — Three juveniles were arrested Saturday in connection with the theft of a stereo system and liquor from a house on Duke Ct.

The burglary occurred late Friday night while the residents were on vacation. A friend watching the house reported the theft Saturday morning.

Witnesses in the neighborhood saw three boys walk from the house with property in their hands. The witnesses knew the suspects and reported to police, who arrested the juveniles a short time later.

Two of the suspects admitted stealing the items and were referred to counseling agencies. The third denied any wrongdoing and was referred to juvenile court. All were Del Valle High School students.

### Phony landlord nets \$400 in rent

LIVERMORE — A man posing as an apartment manager received \$400 from unsuspecting tenants last week.

Frank William Judge, owner of an apartment complex at 851 Los Flores, said two tenants had each paid a "Paul Olson" \$200 in rent because the man identified himself as the manager.

The suspect is described as a white male, approximately 45-years-old, 5'9", 175 pounds with brown eyes.

—by Bill Cauble

## Extended trains draw big crowds

Alameda County Bureau OAKLAND — BART's extended evening train runs packed in about twice as many people as expected in the first four days of operation.

### VCSD schedules Alcatraz trip

DUBLIN — A teen trip to Alcatraz Island is planned for Saturday, Dec. 27 at 9 a.m. Valley Community Services District recreation department is sponsoring the outing.

For further information and reservations, call 828-7711.

Deadline for signups is Dec. 11.

tions, according to a transit district spokesman.

While detailed figures are not yet available, Bay Area Rapid Transit District representative David Soblin said 10,000 to 12,000 people are riding the trains at night. Only 6,000 additional passengers were expected on the extended 8 p.m. to midnight runs.

BART trains averaged 118,000 patrons per day before service was extended, but held 130,000 during the first four days of December.

"This is roughly double our anticipations for night service," said Soblin.

Comparable figures for extended feeder bus service into the valley — initiated this past Monday — are not yet available.

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### Tactical unit

Russell C. Sullivan, son of retired U.S. Army First Sergeant and Mrs. James F. Sullivan of 8688 Wicklow Court in Dublin, has been promoted to sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

An aerospace ground equipment repair specialist with a unit of the Tactical Air Command, is a 1972 graduate of Dublin High School.



## Santa's in Livermore

Santa Claus, shown here with one of his young pals, will be in downtown Livermore Fridays and Saturdays until Christmas. He will be circulating through the business district. Photos of Santa and his young constituents will be taken at The Country Studio, 160 South K St., between 11 and 11:30 a.m. and 2 and 2:30 p.m.

## San Ramon incorporation

## City battle in 2nd round

San Ramon's battle for cityhood status enters its second round today as representatives of Taxpayers for Local Control Through Incorporation take their case before county administrators in Martinez.

The third incorporation attempt in eight years holds many new and complex problems compared to the two previous unsuccessful endeavors.

The first bout in 1967 was defeated in part due to the eastern boundary which was set as Interstate 680. Many people criticized this as a simplistic answer to a complex issue.

In 1972, critics challenged the accuracy of financial estimations proponents filed as over-optimistic and unrealistic. Nevertheless, the measure was only defeated by 500 votes.

In the current struggle to place the incorporation question on the Nov. 2, 1976 ballot, voters will weigh proponents' claims against a sluggish economy, mistrust of government via Watergate, the possibility of higher taxes and increased red tape, and a desire to just leave things "as is."

"Most voters worry about increased taxes," said LAF-CO Executive Officer Joseph Connery. "And they wonder what the higher cost will bring them in terms of improved government."

"But how the hell do you find out what 40,000 people are thinking? You just can't do it. There's no way to judge what a voter will base his decision on," he added.

Connery said it is not unusual for a community to try

"five or six times" before successfully incorporating as a city.

TLC President Don Sledge agreed that the issues in the current incorporation attempt will be viewed differently by the voting public. "In 1972, there was no Watergate or fear of a major city like New York failing. Some people are just sick of government."

And then there's Blackhawk.

"They (Blackhawk developers) fear significant financial loss if they are included in a new town which has incompetent planners, lengthy red tape, or a Petaluma-type ordinance (restricting growth)," said Sledge.

Blackhawk Development Co. President Owen Schwaderer has been fighting against inclusion in any proposed city since incorporation was first mentioned.

Schwaderer contends incorporation would impose a "double-tax" on Blackhawk residents, since the development is intended to be a city within itself. Blackhawk will provide its residents with a community center, library, security force, bike and horse trails, swim, golf and tennis clubs, and street maintenance.

Incorporation would mean the rest of San Ramon Valley would tax Blackhawk residents to bring other communities up to the standards of Blackhawk, Schwaderer has said in the past.

The fear of being further tied up in litigation which costs Blackhawk developers \$100,000 a month to sit idle is a major concern which Schwaderer feels would only

be lengthened by incorporation.

TLC's Sledge is more concerned that local control be exercised since Blackhawk will have a definite impact on its neighbors. "One-half of currently approved development is Blackhawk — anything with that much impact should be included," Sledge said.

Sledge said the expected income from Blackhawk as part of the town of San Ramon Valley is not the reason the 4,775-acre development must be included in the new city. Sales taxes generated from Blackhawk residents shopping in the new city would occur in any case.

Sledge feels neighboring communities which will ultimately be affected by Blackhawk should have a voice in its future. "Most of us are not no-growth people — our concerns are that it is on us that Blackhawk will have an impact, not Martinez."

The young president is confident that TLC's petition to incorporate will be approved by LAF-CO members. "There is no reason to delay us — they have approved similar plans in the past, and we have followed current LAF-CO guidelines very closely."

Sledge said he expected commissioners to hear TLC's arguments in full today but not make a final decision until a later date, possibly Dec. 17, at which time a LAF-CO sphere of influence meeting is scheduled.

Today's hearing begins at 2 p.m. in the board of supervisors' chambers in the county administration building.

—by Bill Cauble

## Nuclear initiative tool of anti-growth groups?

By BOB EGELKO  
Associated Press Writer  
SACRAMENTO (AP) — A nuclear industry spokesman said Tuesday the Nuclear Initiative on next June's state ballot is a devious attempt at

## Valley obituaries

Tony Boyd

Tony Ray Boyd, 22, a native of Tennessee and 13-year resident of Livermore, died Sunday at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Wash.

He was a 1971 graduate of Livermore High School and worked for the city's D and M Auto parts for nearly five years.

Survivors include his wife Priscilla Duque Boyd; parents Sam and Mary Boyd, and sister Miss Sammy Boyd, all of Livermore. He also leaves another sister, Mrs. Rita Rettig of San Francisco.

A rosary will be said at 8 o'clock this evening in the chapel of Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the mortuary chapel, followed by interment in St. Michael's Cemetery. Friends may call at the mortuary after 1 p.m. today.

### Helen French

Funeral services will be held Friday for Helen Bertha French, 73, who died Monday.

A native of Gloversville, N.Y., Mrs. French lived in Livermore the past 16 years. She was a knitting instructor at Shop 'n Knit in Livermore for 12 years.

She was a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star, Florence Chapter, Colorado.

Survivors include her husband, James P. French; five children, Everett J. Patterson of Winslow, Ariz., Arch L. Patterson of Fresno, Bob D. Patterson of Selma, Barbara J. Evans of Livermore, and Bette A. Anglin of Concord; a brother, Everett L. Patterson of San Mateo, 14 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Garden Chapel of Livermore Mortuary, 3070 East Ave. Interment will follow at Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alameda County Heart Fund.

Friends may call at Livermore Mortuary Wednesday and Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m.

"halting economic growth in California."

John Simpson, a Westinghouse Electric Corp. official and chairman of the Atomic Industrial Forum, a trade group, said the initiative is being pushed by "organized privileged groups" opposed to growth.

If the initiative passes, Simpson told an Assembly committee, "the economy of California will not merely stagnate, but decline precipitously."

The Assembly Resources, Land Use and Energy Committee is winding up a series of hearings on the ballot measure.

If passed, it would ban nuclear power plant construction and phase out existing plants unless the legislature approved the plants' safety systems and unless federal \$560-million liability limits for a nuclear accident were removed.

Simpson, who at Westinghouse directed construction of the propulsion plant for the world's first atomic submarine, the Nautilus, said nuclear reactor safety has been proven "beyond any reasonable doubt."

And he said energy conservation, though desirable, doesn't eliminate the need for more energy, as Ralph Nader and other supporters of the initiative have claimed.

"Energy conservation can occur at the expense of prod-

uctivity and jobs," Simpson said.

"You simply cannot have a high standard of living without a large energy supply. Even in the past two years, as our energy usage has declined, so has our economy."

He also said nuclear waste disposal is "a relatively simple engineering problem" even though no long-term storage method has yet been found for the radioactive wastes.

Simpson said many nuclear critics are seeking three goals: "Slowing of economic growth, reorganization of energy industries, and local 'citizen group' control over all major policy decisions."

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# FatRat

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Editor's note: FatRat is a tan-and-white rat who lives on North P Street in Livermore

FatRat marched up the ramp into the big blue plane.

His passengers were waiting. He hurried to the cockpit and turned on the big engines.

R-R-R-ROAR!!!

He could see the little old lady in the front row was nervous. Her first flight, probably He picked up the microphone and squeaked in his calmest manner:

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"And remember, it's a waterbed, so wear your boots!"

"Ground Control to FatRat. Ground Control to FatRat. Prepare for takeoff."

Kevin's eye appeared at the window of the plane. Then he shut the door and they took off!

It was a rough flight. The little old lady fainted and rolled down the aisle into the cockpit, because she was Mrs. Amanda Clothespin and everybody in the Clothespin Doll family had a habit of rolling down aisles.

Then FatRat's long tail knocked over some of the baggage. The plane bumped and jiggled.

But the brave pilot with his dashing white whiskers brought his craft to safety at Mommy's Bed Airport at last.

He bounded down the gangplank to be congratulated by Ground Control for the fine landing.

This was an uptight Ground Control person who said: "Kevin! Get that rat off my bed, I just changed it!"

She scooped up the pilot in one hand and the aircraft in the other, and handed both to Kevin.

"And besides," she said, "it's about time you vacuumed that room of yours."

Vacuum the room? Instead of keeping the airlines running, and during the holiday season, too!

FatRat hated vacuum cleaners almost worse than he hated dogs.

They were horrible loud machines that filled his ears (so sensitive he could hear a cracker crumble in the kitchen downstairs) and shook his Kleenex-box house.

And worse than that, vacuum cleaners sucked up everything in sight including tasty bits of crumbs that were on the floor, and forgotten seeds that were under the bed for a quick rat-snack.

"Keep the airlines running," Kevin whispered to FatRat. "I'll keep the hijacker busy." He gently set him on the floor.

FatRat knew what he was to do and waddled off on his mission.

Meanwhile, Kevin sat down on the bed with his plastic plane in his lap and looked very sad. "I just heard the news," he told Mommy "United Airlines canceled their flights at least until the weekend.

"Grandma's supposed to come next Wednesday. I bet the strike won't end by then and we won't have Grandma here for Christmas."

Grandma lived in New Jersey and visited only once a year. She came with a bag full of butter cookies and a suitcase full of toys. And, like Grandmas everywhere, she always had time to play Rummy or Monopoly or put together a 1,000-piece puzzle with Kevin.

Kevin gave a big sigh. Then he said, "Mommy, why do they have to go on strike? I hate unions."

He did that on purpose, because he knew it would get Mommy off on a 10-minute speech about how good unions are and about how big and rich United Airlines was without even giving people a decent pension plan.

When the speech was over, Mommy remembered about the vacuuming "Just go get it over with," she said, chasing Kevin into his room.

"Hey, FatRat," Kevin whispered.

"Didya do it?"

But the clever rat was nowhere to be seen. He was in his hideout in the bedsprings.

Kevin plugged in the vacuum and turned the switch.

Nothing.

He flipped the switch up and down.

Nothing.

Kicked the vacuum cleaner.

Nothing.

"Mommy! I think the vacuum's broken!"

Mommy came in with the toilet bowl scrubber in her hand, looking mean. "Are you kidding?"

"Look. The plug is almost hanging off the cord."

"Boy," said Mommy, "I never realized it was getting so worn out. I'll take it apart and fix it later. Or tomorrow."

She went back into the bathroom muttering something about paying \$79.95 plus tax.

"Hey, FatRat, you can come out now. All clear."

But the small white hero was already loading suitcases onto the plane for the next flight and checking the passenger list to see if he was going to have one of the sissy Clothespin family aboard.

FatRat Airlines was saved! Mission completed.

— by Pat Kennedy

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By JEAN McKENNA

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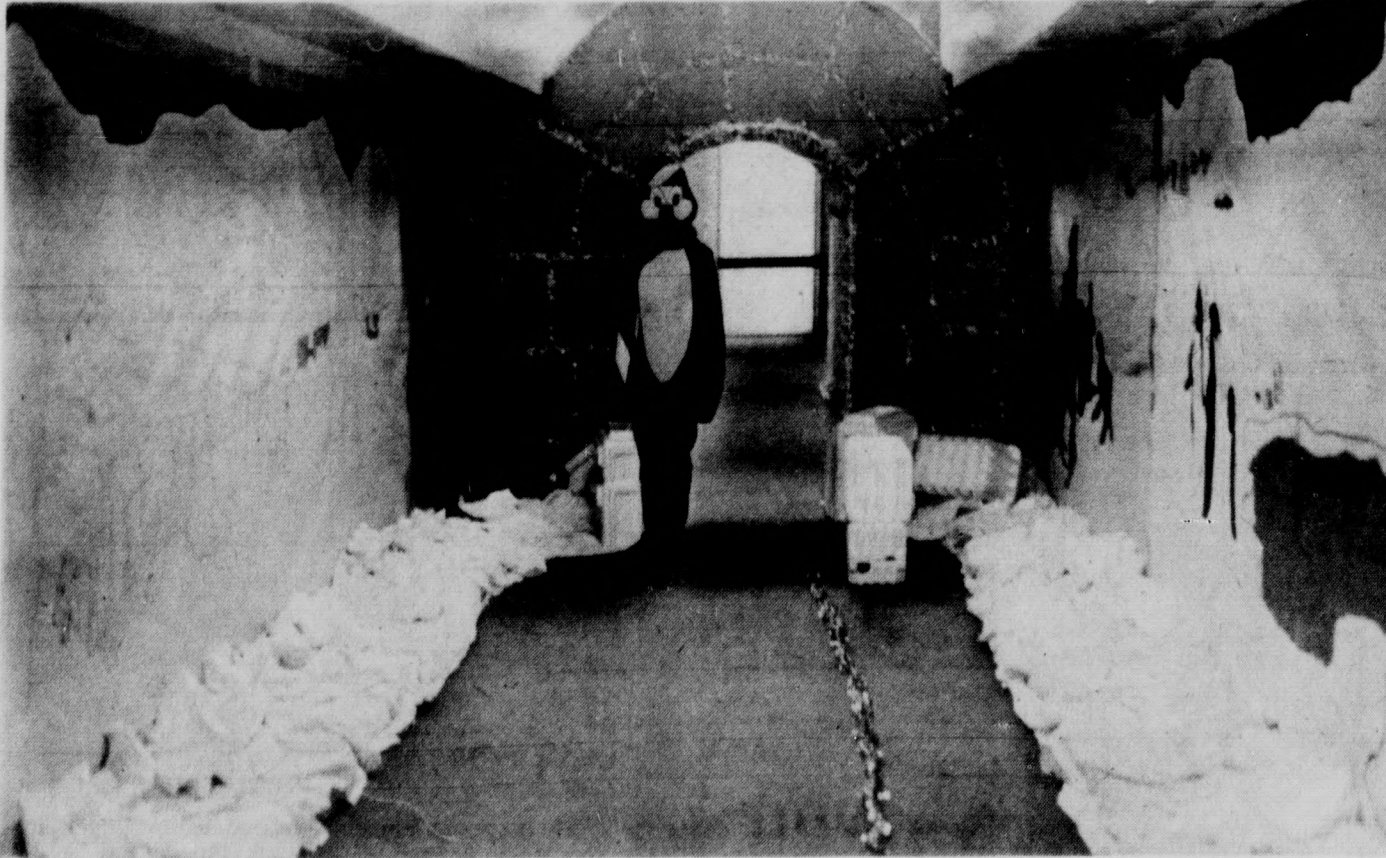
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time, money, decorations, costumes and cookies — to offer the free tour of Christmas Tree Land to children of the community.

"Christmas IS children," exclaims Chairman Shirley Vanier. "They are so wrapped up in it all. Last year, when a group of children was told that Happy Elf would not be allowed into the kitchen for a cookie, they all began pleading with Mrs. Claus to let him in! We almost broke down, it was so touching."

This year the tour will be open all day Friday, Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the PT&T Pleasanton office. More than 900 reservations have already been made, although Mrs. Vanier says the tour can accommodate all children (or adults) who want to get in on the fun. Reservations, which are not necessary except for large groups, may be made through Mrs. Vanier at 462-3600.

The tour will be closed from 5 to 7 p.m. so that Santa and his merry crew can rest and have dinner. Happy Elf himself (alias Supervisor Mike Ritchie) will conduct the children through Christmas Tree Land with songs and stories. And, of course, no little one will leave Mrs. Claus' kitchen empty-handed.

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Mike Zampa

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Deliver us from Monday Night Football.  
Send it to some place where it belongs, like Denver or Green Bay. Give it to the Neanderthals who think December after dark and a fifth of Cutty Sark is the true spirit of the season. Maybe even Miami Beach where they hold sunrise services at night to accommodate the high rollers.

But not the Bay Area. We've got other things to do guys. This is California's nucleus of sophistication. We won't turn over our evenings to pro football when we can watch Rhoda or Phyllis, or attend pornographic cooking classes. We're not mindless bumpkins.

Most of all we're not patient enough to sit through three more hours of what you gave us Monday night at the Oakland Coliseum. Alex says Monday Night Football is entertainment. Well I'll tell you what this week's Oakland-Denver game was. Boredom.

Yawn, turn out the lights.  
The Raiders won by a score the 1927 Yankees could surpass. Not that they played poor football. The defense was down right frightening. But the pace you guys in the T.V. booth dictate is just a step ahead of comatose, and it seemed to deflate the offense on both sides.

Why there wasn't even a punt, pass and placate the sponsor contest like you usually feature and the game still dragged on nearly to All In The Family The first quarter took one full hour. Pearl Harbor didn't take that long and it sure as heck had a more profound effect than your telecast did.

They belittle Woody Hayes for three-yards and a cloud of dust. Well with you guys it's two plays and a mile of commercial footage. I noticed that the band at the Coliseum played God Bless America during one of your sponsor's messages. That must have been the one where dimply Frank tells all the kids to write essays about Pete Rozelle's influence on Western religion, or why George Blanda didn't sign the Declaration of Independence.

With these kinds of interruptions, how did you expect the players to react. They were falling asleep.

And don't you three guys come back with that bunk about O.J. Simpson saying players love Monday night. He's on the ABC payroll for a good chunk of bread. What else is he going to say?

The players aren't really that inspired by your national audiences.

"They put them on the schedule, and we've got to play em," says Gene Upshaw.

Sweeping testimony for the adoration of Monday Night Football, Alex? Or is that resignation to fate?

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# NCS football playoffs criticized

Harsh criticism of those recently completed North Coast football playoffs surfaced yesterday, giving rise to the possibility some participants will withdraw from the championships next season.

The Foothill Athletic League is pondering a drop-out proposal, says Granada High School principal Jack Lee. And Lee told the EBAL board of managers yesterday morning that perhaps they too should consider a walk out.

Granada High competed in the Four-A, or large school championships last month, winning a first round game from Mission San Jose, but losing to Pinole Valley in the finals.

Lee complained to the EBAL board yesterday that financial arrangements for the NCS' playoffs need overhauling. He had other objections as well, concerning the extra two weeks of football and the switch his team endured, from natural turf to an artificial surface for the title contest.

In a strong statement to the

board Lee concluded: "Either we go to some other set up, or get out."

Among his complaints, the Granada High principal cited:

— A \$1,350 expense voucher filed by the Mission Valley Athletic League for the Granada-MSJ playoff.

— A \$1,200 rental fee of Diablo Valley College for the championship.

— The fact his school was forced to pay for transportation and field light rental as a result of one pre-game practice at DVC.

— The fact that ticket takers for the MSJ game were paid \$40 each, but a Granada staff member was paid nothing for three days of advance ticket selling on campus.

Granada athletic director Hal Sinclair said that his school generated \$3,500 on its pre-game sales alone for the two playoff contests. By the time the NCS meets expenses and takes its cut of the revenues, Sinclair said, the EBAL may have \$1,000 left to split with Granada. Final figures aren't in yet.

"We may be over reacting to all of this," Sinclair said, but from the tone at the EBAL meeting, there was genuine feeling that the NCS championships got off on the wrong foot.

"The intent of the playoffs is valid," said Monte Vista High School principal Sam Zackheim. "But what's happened to the schools is unfair."

"Every time we have playoffs, it ends up costing us money," said Livermore High's Paul Reginato. "That's why I've been against them for years."

Lee addressed himself mainly to the financial structure as established by the NCS. As he explained it, the section kept half of the gate receipts for the Granada - Pinole championship. The other half, along with all receipts from the semi-finals, went into a general fund. That fund was divided among the four participating leagues after expenses such as the \$1,350 bill forwarded by the MVAL.

By previous arrangement, the EBAL agreed to split its share of the playoffs with the participating school, in this

case, Granada.

Though alleged financial inequities were the key to yesterday's criticisms, there were other complaints.

"We're carrying kids over for two extra weeks of football," Lee said. "And cutting them out of other sports."

"And then they ask us to play one championship game on Astro Turf after playing 10 regular season games on natural turf."

When the discussion wound down, the EBAL board agreed to pass along its complaints to the NCS when that

body meets Jan. 17. Perhaps also a warning that the playoffs could be in jeopardy.

Also yesterday, the league voted down a proposal to give football teams the option of 10 varsity games instead of the present nine. — Mike Zampa

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## Wood top prep

Livermore High School guard Ted Wood has been named Alameda County's Prep of the Week for sparking the Cowboys to a pair of non-league victories, and earning the team honorable mention in the polls.

Wood scored 28 and 23 points last week as Livermore walloped Albany, 86-73 and Irvington, 70-51.

Ted poured in four consecutive field goals late in the first game to break it open.

The senior play maker was named last season to the All-EBAL basketball squad.

Kurt Billingsley of Monte Vista High is the Contra Costa

Prep of the Week after a perfect 7-0 week of wrestling.

Billingsley, a 167-pound senior, won five matches in capturing the San Lorenzo Invitational Tournament championship in his class. For the season, Billingsley is 12-0. He will lead the Mustangs next week into a meet involving top Southern Section teams from the San Diego area.

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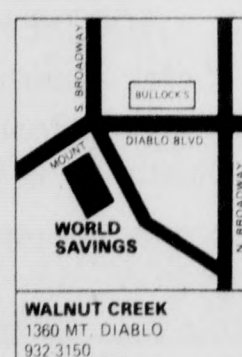
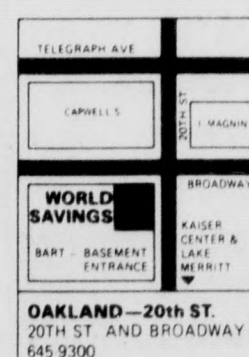
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# Gaels, Cowboys tie

They say a tie is like kissing your sister but in Livermore High School's case a draw is not so bad after all. "We felt we played a pretty good game. The kids were really up for it," said Cowboy soccer coach Don Gabor after his team tied favored Dublin 1-1 yesterday on the Gaels' field.

Livermore went into the contest trailing the Gaels by one game in the East Bay Athletic League standings. A loss to Dublin would have dealt a severe blow to the Cowboys' hopes of defending their EBAL crown.

"Yes, we couldn't have afforded a loss to them," Gabor admitted. "Now we are still in the title race."

In truth, Livermore had to struggle to get the tie with the Gaels. Dublin outshot the Cowboys 25 to seven as they dominated the first half and the first part of the second period. Livermore began to assert itself in the latter stages of the second period but time ran out on them.

Despite the fact Dublin dominated the early part of the contest Livermore actually hit the scoreboard first when Tom Wondolowski banged one in with just over a minute gone in the contest. He powered the ball over the outstretched hands of Dublin goalie Chris Cantalini.

However, the Gaels refused to quit and came back to take control of the tempo of the match for the remainder of the first half. Speedy Gael forward Matt Bryant scored the tying goal a little over halfway through the first period when he banged one in from a group of defenders.

The Gaels missed several other scoring opportunities in the first period. Robin Sherwood, who played a fine all-around match, barely missed the go-ahead goal near the end of the half when he fired a corner kick that Livermore goalie Pete Howard made a fine grab of.

Dublin's booters picked up where they left off in the second half, constantly driving into the Cowboys goal area only to have their drives thwarted by the fine defensive efforts of Howard and his mates. The Gaels had three tries at the Cowboy nets within a span of a minute but failed to punch the ball in.

Towards the end of the match the Cowboys began to assert themselves on offense as forward Kenny Watts narrowly missed a tie-breaking attempt in the last two minutes of the contest. The Gaels had a free kick soon afterwards but failed to cash in on it.

At the match's end the Gaels appeared stunned by the tie but the Cowboys almost treated it as a win.

"They had a lot of shots on goal," Gabor admitted. "However, we started to get fired up in the second half and really played well near the end. Dublin really has a fine team. They have a lot of big kids."

Livermore is now 1-1-1 in EBAL competition while the Gaels stay unbeaten with a 2-0-1 mark.

Livermore's junior varsity continued to roll, taking a hard-fought 3-2 decision over the luckless Dublin junior varsity.

— Gary Brown



A COWBOY KICKS THE SOCCER BALL YESTERDAY  
Ken Watts, back to camera, watches the airbound ball

Photo by Peter Griffith

# Dons win, Schneider hurt

Dave Schneider's improvisational theatre produced a 3-1 Amador Valley High soccer victory at Granada yesterday, but it also left the hero with a tragedy on his hands laterally.

Amador's senior goal tender apparently suffered a broken hand in his valiant effort at thwarting the Matador offense. Final diagnosis will follow a visit to the doctor this afternoon. But it's almost certain Schneider won't play Friday when Amador launches a serious bid for the EBAL title by playing Dublin.

Schneider posted nine saves while playing about three-fourths of the contest at Robertson Park. He used everything but a hockey stick to keep Granada off the scoreboard.

Schneider's accident came late in the game when Granada forward Manzar Iqbal received a centering pass in front of the net. Schneider dove for the ball, which trickled off out of bounds. He collapsed in a heap, and it first seemed that he'd been kicked in the head.

"But nobody kicked him," Geib said. "He just fell and his hand hit the ground. 'This hurts us at two positions,' the Dons' coach explained, at goal, and also at wing, because our backup goalie, John Castillo, is normally a winger."

Hopefully Amador will find solutions to its problems by Friday. Meanwhile, the Dons will savor their third straight win of the young season.

"I'm really proud of our guys," Geib said. "They had a lot of spirit, and that was the difference. We were quick out there today."

What made the triumph

even more meaningful was the fact that Amador relied on an infant defense featuring sophomore Len Baine and freshman Steve Englebrick. The pair of fullbacks did a good job shutting off Granada striker Shannon Estill and the rest of his cohorts.

"We knew Estill was dangerous up the middle, so we left it to the freshman and the sophomore to stop them," Geib explained. "We still made some mistakes and they beat us outside pretty well. But we stopped them inside."

Englebrick prevented a tie game when he kicked a bouncing ball over the empty Amador net in the first half.

At the time the Dons were leading, 2-1, on goals by Casey Clark and Joe Correia. Dave D'Ambra scored for Granada.

Correia combined with Pat Cohan to break open the contest in the final minutes.

He dribbled the full length of the field, juking past two Matadors, then passed off to Cohan near the goal. Cohan carried to the right corner of the net, and fired the ball into the left corner, past helpless goal keeper Gary Lamb.

Amador outshot Granada, 12-0. Lamb had eight saves for the Matadors.

# Cal, MV in draw

SAN RAMON — Too bad there isn't sudden death in high school soccer matches.

Such was the case Tuesday afternoon in San Ramon, as California and Monte Vista High remained among the winless in the East Bay Athletic League, battling to an aggressive 1-1 standoff in weather more suitable for Minnesota Vike fans.

The tie, the Grizzlies second in succession was jared by an ejection to Cal's Jim Callahan midway through the latter half.

Callahan, playing opposite husky Bob Turi was leveled by the Mustangs halfback when both lunged for the ball.

Callahan then resorted to a last ditch effort, belting Turi with a cleft to the mid section. Nothing doing.

From an artistic standpoint, both clubs rendered a most entertaining game amidst the unusual fog, chill,

and whatever else you might want to call it.

Monte Vista, which failed on two penalty kicks outshot the Grizzlies, 23-9, out corner kicked Cal 6-1, but it was Grizzly goalie Mike Daugherty that saved the day for Cal.

The young lad, clad in black saved 16 shots, and played an instrumental part in the Grizzlies season thus far.

"We were lucky," added coach Jon Rego chatting with members of the working press. "They outplayed us, and should have won, 5-1."

MV, which controlled the tempo in the early going outshooting Cal, 11-5, and playing superb defense, Cal somehow squeezed four lads inside the 'stangs with thirty seconds to play in the first half goalie area. Roger Hurlow subsequently soaring the ball in for the goal.

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# More on sports

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Actually the comic relief you three fellows provided was the only saving grace for Monday's football contest. Especially when you ordered that studio lamp to explode into a cascade of sparks and streamers over Howard's head. The ensuing fire in the announce booth was a real riot, too.

And Howard, your choice of surprise, unscheduled guests was superb. Offering some media exposure for a couple of reticents like Rick Barry and Reggie Jackson was a warm touch. It's great to give a break to a couple of real earnest young men who'd like to express their views on life, but inexorably shy away from the limelight.

Maybe now these two fine athletes will open up, become communicative, and actually attract the attention of we journalists who long to know about them.

On another positive note, thanks for the witness your mere presence inspires in some of our more boisterous fans. What else but Monday Night Football would make a paying spectator dress in a gorilla suit, or a middle-aged and more than mildly inebriated woman press her nose to the rear window in the announce booth and drool.

What's that? No Howard, she wasn't drooling over Frank. She thinks Alex is sexy, and she only saw him once, in Blazing Saddles.

On the other hand, however, I must say that your handling of the contest moved some of us to impatience. Your commercials and Community Chest plugs created a tiresome first half. We fans got so anxious that we jumped the gun on intermission. The fine Foothill High School band was marched onto the playing surface just as Denver was desperately trying to complete a pass over the tuba player.

Fortunately for Oakland, the tuba player was a better athlete than quarterback John Hufnagel and the ball was intercepted by the bell of the instrument.

None of this eased the mood of Raider executive assistant director Al LoCasale, however. When last seen he was screaming: "Get the damn band off the field," into his T.V. monitor.

As if that wasn't bad enough, you guys even drove hyperactive Bill King looney. He too attempted to push up the halftime festivities, and unwittingly left his microphone with seconds left to play.

When they discovered Bill, he was either in the head, or bound for his yacht in Sausalito.

With his legs crossed tightly, King courageously recreated the final action for all six people at home who opted for a radio broadcast over you three guys.

Well next week I'll be back among the millions who watch you on television. I'll probably laugh at Alex's inane jokes and cringe at Howard's bold appraisals. I'll even say: "If I were female, I'd marry you Frank."

But I sure as hell won't invite you back to Oakland. Please, stay away.

Signed  
A Friend

# Pokes tops

Livermore High and Mt. Diablo have tied for the number one spot in the final East Bay cross country poll for 1975.

The ratings were released this morning by a panel of coaches who conducted the voting.

The Cowboys' Victor Aguayo made the second team.

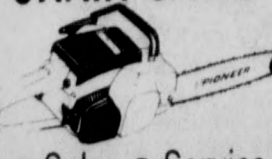
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# Moriarity sparks Skins' win

Pat Moriarity's goaled the Redskins the under-12 Livemore City soccer championship last weekend in a 1-0 win over the Aztecs.

Steve Allen, John Baker, Steve Gallagher, Ric Hendricks, Tim Davis and Wayne Paul were all outstanding for the winners.

Greg Manchester played well in goal for the losers. Teammates Vaughan Landrum, Randy Gross and Paul McCluskey also played well. Robert Bills scored in overtime as the Cosmos tripped the Cardinals, 2-1 for third place. Mark Potts had the other goal. Robert Dougherty provided 10 saves. Jeff Schaffer scored for the Cards.

The Cardinals edged the Stars, 3-2. Rob Henninger, Mike Tarabini and Dave Jackson scored. Dick Gonsky had six saves.

The Cosmos used Robert Dougherty's 12 saves to beat the Chiefs, 1-0. Carl Campiotti scored.

The B Division Pawns won the title with a 4-0 win over the Dolphins. Cliff Bacigalupi scored twice. Dennis Cooper and David Garcia scored. Goalie Jon Lighty blocked a penalty kick.

The Dolphins tripped the Vikings, 2-1, on goals by Mike Finkes and Shawn Wood.

The Pawns downed the Whitecaps, 1-0 on David Garcia's sudden death goal.

The Dynamos bopped the Steelers, 5-1, with Brian Cando scoring three times. Keith Fifield and Christopher Kroesen had goals. Steve Nelson played well in goal.

Larry Brooke scored as the Steelers beat the Rams, 1-0. Erik Jensen and Mark Phillips paced the defense.

The Whitecaps beat the Omegas in penalty kick overtime, 5-4. Jim Lovegren had two goals in regulation time. Jim Mullany provided six saves.

The Jets, behind Micky Lay's eight saves, beat the Rowdies, 1-0. Steve Porth scored. Tom DiGiallono, Brian Oreglia and Joey Martinez led the defense.

Shawn Miller scored three times and the Vikings beat the Jets, 4-0. Mike Ludwig scored John Horst had five saves.

Steven Bradley's six saves preserved the Omegas' 2-1 win over the 49'ers. Jim West and Vance Geier scored.

**Under-8**  
The Yellowjackets hit four of five penalty kicks in overtime to trim the Fire Ants for the A Division title. Chris Mason, Mike Castleton and Mark Kinney sparked the Jacket defense. Gary Hurley, David Warner and Brett Bammer sparked the Ant defense.

Bobby Silva scored twice and the Green Hornets edged the Gnats, 2-1. Brett Campbell, John Baptista and Jamie O'Reilly anchored the defense.

The Tarantulas edged the Beetles, 1-0, on Jon Akins' goal. Barry Yanke and Craig Lum were instrumental in the defense.

The Bumblebees won a penalty kickoff from the Mites, 4-3, after a scoreless regulation period. Tim Mathews, Mike Birdono, John Daley and Jeff Jurickovich scored.

The Crickets beat the Fleas, 1-0.  
The Rogues' Joey McThorn scored in a 1-0 win over the

Grass Hoppers. Robbie Van Fossen, Chris Gomes and Paul Shafro were defensive ring leaders.

The Locusts edged the Scorpions to win the C Division, 1-0. Frank Bray scored. Brian Ankmal led the defense.

The Ant Lions beat the Centipedes in a kickoff, 3-2. Jimmy Buchan, Jason England and Mike Young were key players.

The Superbees tripped the Dragonflies in overtime, 1-0. Steven Heck's 15 saves were instrumental as the Nematoes edged the Spiders in overtime, 1-0.

**Under-10**  
Great Falcon defense, led by Charlie White and Chris Nadeau, resulted in a 1-0. A Division championship win over the Nomads. Tim Lane scored.

The Nomads defeated the Chargers, 1-0, on Clifford Adams' goal.  
Tim Pierce scored in the second half as the Jaguars

tripped the Omegas, 1-0. Tom Freie, Steve Silva and George DePaoli played strong defense.

Glenn Shephard scored twice as the Omegas downed the Chargers, 3-0. Bill Miller, Robbie Dalrymple and Ian Buckhead led the defense.

Paul Knechtli's goal handed the Jaguars a 1-0 win over the Mustangs.

The Gremlins stopped the Thunderbirds, 2-0. Shannon Borges and Chris Bernard scored. Teddy Peterson, David Fortner and Craig Nolan played well.



## Falcons catch SR

For a brief 13 minutes of the second half yesterday afternoon in Danville, it appeared the San Ramon High School soccer team would win its first ever East Bay Athletic League soccer match.

Leading 2-1, the Wolves had pressured the Foothill Falcons throughout the second period after what coach Bob Valcalda had termed "50 minutes of — ball."

But an indirect free kick by Foothill's Butch Hock ricocheted off the human wall San Ramon had set up to stop the shot and into the right corner of the net for a tie, 2-2.

"We weren't hungry enough," Valcalda said. "We had so many chances in the first half, but sloppy fundamentals fouled us up."

"I'm not pleased at all with the team."

Foothill, hampered by injuries to two starting fullbacks, was not pleased with the deadlock either.

"San Ramon didn't have the size or speed to beat us," said Falcon coach Keith Sweet.

Sweet criticized the playing conditions at SR.

"The field was bumpy,

lumpy and dangerous," he said, pointing out several wooden posts he thought were perilously close to the pitch.

But Sweet was surprised at the non-violence of the game, chilled by eerie tule fog. "I expected a more physical game after the wars I'd read about in the newspaper," he said, referring to Friday's San Ramon-California game.

The Falcon's John Zehnder scored the only goal of the first half on a penalty kick at the 27 minute mark.

San Ramon scored twice within four minutes to take the lead.

Fifteen minutes into the second half, Dan Chavez hit a left-footed shot just into the right corner from 17 yards out.

Chavez picked up an assist four minutes later when Dave Moranville popped one into the same spot from 16 yards out.

Foothill won the JV contest, 2-0. Mark Fish and Bob Byrd scored for the Falcons while Steve Kent had an assist.

— Dave Weber

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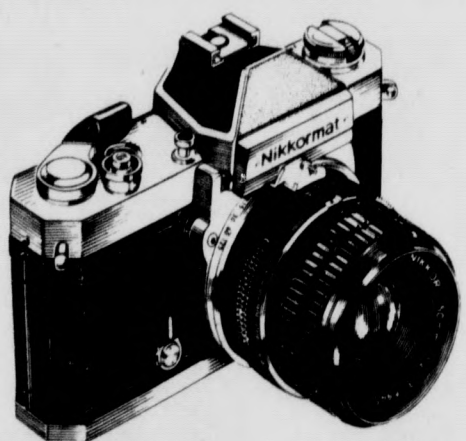
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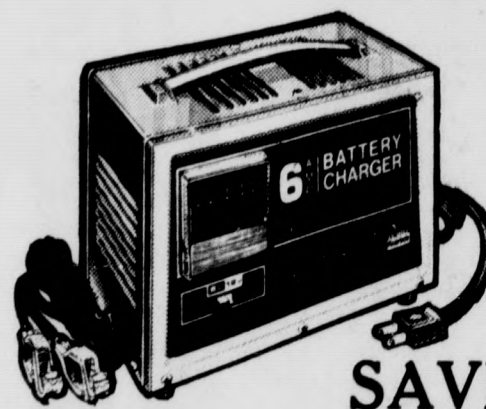


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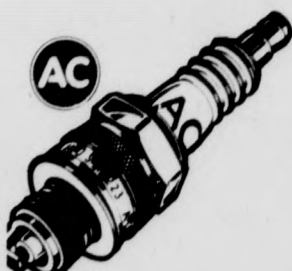


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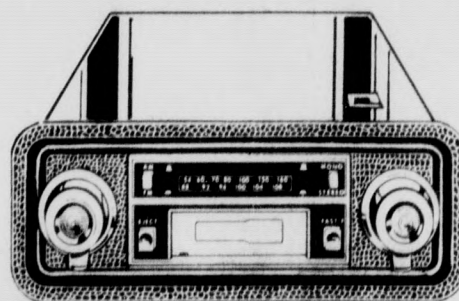
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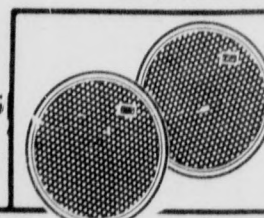
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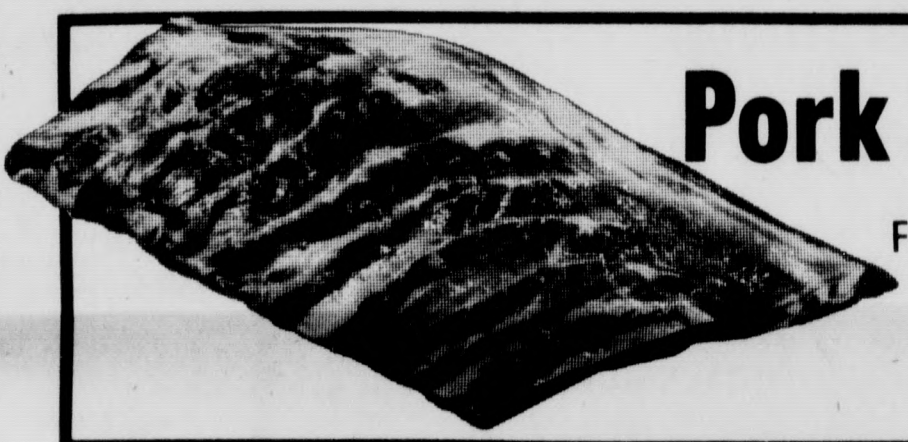
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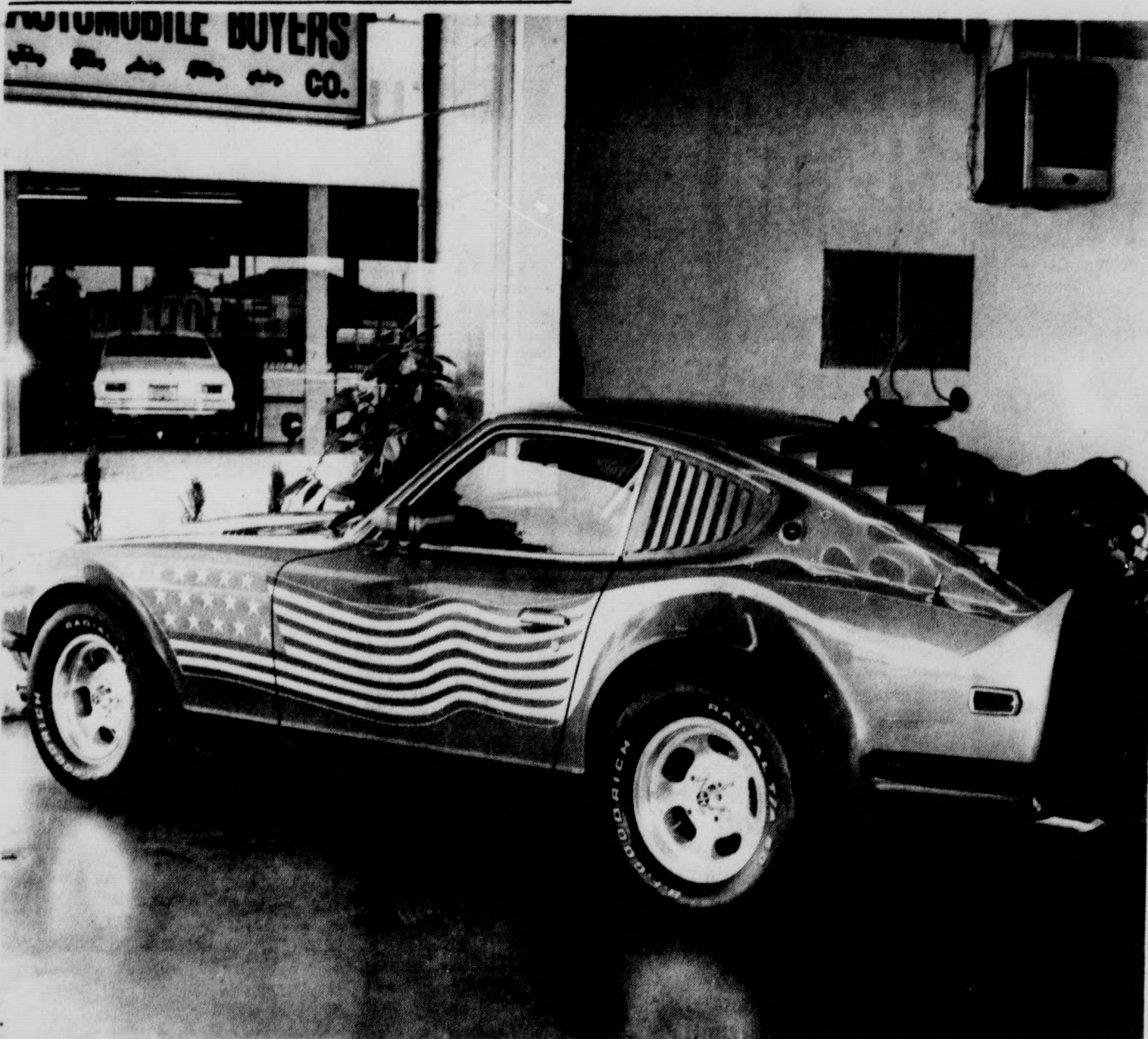
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240 Z, which was customized and given a special Bicentennial paint job by John Tan is being offered for sale and is on display at Auto Buyers Company in Livermore.

### San Ramon Valley issue

## Largest city boundary touted

**Lesher News Bureau**  
MARTINEZ — Of the three proposed new cities in the San Ramon Valley, only the larger should be approved, County Local Agency Formation Commissioners are being told.

Joseph Connery, LAFC executive officer, after a further study of the proposed incorporations, has refused to back off his original recommendation.

Proposed are Round Hill, Diablo, and San Ramon Valley.

Cityhood for the greater San Ramon Valley, which would absorb the two smaller communities, comes before the LAFC today at 2 p.m. in Martinez.

At last month's hearings, Round Hill residents argued police protection was a major reason for their desire to incorporate.

Yet only a two-man department is proposed to police the proposal city. And cityhood means the sheriff's office will pull its units out, and there will be no coverage when both officers are off duty, Connery observed.

"If adequate police coverage is a prime concern, incorporation is the least desirable method of receiving it," he said.

"Yet the incorporation study mentions the possibility of cutting the proposal 70 cent city property tax to 35 cents," Connery continued.

Diablo's incorporation study estimates tax rate of 58 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

Connery finds the same shortcomings in Diablo's police plans as he did with Round Hill's. Patrolmen, at \$4 an hour, will be retained as needed, the study states.

Mutual aid can come from the sheriff in an emergency, but no provision has been made for service when officers are off duty, Connery said.

The city of San Ramon Valley, as the proposed greater city would be known, is more realistic in its cost estimates on which its incorporation study is based, Connery said.

However, he does recommend some boundary changes to omit lands on the southeast and north central borders that probably won't develop any time soon.

Strong opposition to the larger city will not only come from the smaller communities, but also from the Blackhawk Ranch developers.

They have asked to be excluded from any city, which could be very damaging to the proposed development's scope and density.

### Yule fundraiser brought big money

LIVERMORE — The annual Community Christmas Bazaar co-sponsored by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and the Livermore Senior Citizens Club, netted \$10,500 for the 36 clubs and organizations involved.

Proceeds from the two-day sale at the Rec Center will go to the treasury of each participating group to be used for various service projects to benefit the community.

At a recent followup meeting, representatives of the participating groups voted to hold the bazaar on the weekend of Nov. 12 and 19 of next year. Applications will be accepted from any organizations interested in taking part, with names to be placed on the bazaar roster as a vacancy occurs. Requests should be forwarded to Dorothy Svets or Connie Gross at the LARPD office, 71 Trevarno Road, Livermore, 94550.

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### Zoning chief to rule

## Industrial use permit asked

Alameda County Bureau HAYWARD — AAA Storage and property owner Charles Brendlinger will petition the county's zoning administrator today for a conditional use permit to allow construction of an industrial building and equipment and recreational vehicle/boat storage at 6421 South Front Rd., Livermore.

The city last month passed an ordinance banning storage

of boats and recreation vehicles from front yards. While the ordinance is to go into effect July 1, 1976, a group of citizens has petitioned city council to repeal the measure or put it on the AAA Storage and Brendlinger also are asking for a variance to allow division of the lot into two building sites, one of which would not have the required frontage on an approved street.

The Livermore Rod and Gun Club also will face the zoning administrator in an

attempt to obtain a variance allowing retention of a 40 square foot sign.

### Santa's Village trip set

DUBLIN — Valley Community Services District is sponsoring a trip to Santa's Village, Tuesday Dec. 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$5.50 per person, in-

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Call 828-7711 for reservations and additional information.

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## Army Engineers Corps

### Alameda Creek workshop set

The San Francisco District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has released its draft Plan of Study (POS) for the Upper Alameda Creek Urban Study.

The recently formed Citizens Advisory Committee to the urban study will sponsor a public workshop on the POS,

Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Portola Avenue School, Livermore.

The purpose of the POS is to "structure a coordinated approach to a comprehensive urban water resources plan for the Upper Alameda Creek Basin."

The study is co-sponsored by Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

Copies of the draft POS are available for public review at the Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin libraries.

Copies are also available in

local chambers of commerce, the Livermore city managers office, Pleasanton planning department office, and Valley Community Services District office.

The Citizens Advisory Committee workshop will precede a public hearing in mid-January.

## School lunch menus

Following are the lunch menus for the San Ramon Valley Unified School District for the remainder of this week and the Pleasanton lunch menus for Wednesday to Friday and Dec. 15-19.

**SAN RAMON**  
WEDNESDAY — Do-it-yourself hamburger, fixin's and spread, hash brown potatoes, creamy chocolate pudding, apple wedge.

THURSDAY — Tom Turkey chunks with noodles, cinnamon apple slices, cracked wheat roll and butter, cranberry fluff, one-half orange wedge.

FRIDAY — Fresh baked pizza, ham salad scoop on shredded lettuce, raspberry lettuce, one-half red apple.

**PLEASANTON**  
WEDNESDAY — Roast tur-

key with gravy, fluffy mashed potatoes, jello Christmas salad on a lettuce leaf, hot homemade roll, Christmas cookie, milk.

THURSDAY — Gourmet hot dog on a bun with mustard, french fries, buttered carrots, peach cobbler with cheese, chocolate milk.

FRIDAY — Pizza with meat and cheese, circus salad, green beans, milk.

Dec. 15-19  
MONDAY — Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable salad, orange slush, homemade roll, chocolate milk.

TUESDAY — Cheese pizza with meat, hot buttered vegetable, salad surprise, spice cake, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Manager's choice

THURSDAY — Smoke-house ham, cauldron candied yams, root cellar salad (carrot slaw), apple pupton, steamhouse roll with butter, crock of milk.

Daily lunch ticket is 50 cents, weekly lunch ticket \$2.50 and monthly lunch ticket \$10.

## Girl basketball players sought

DUBLIN — The Valley Community Services District Recreation Department is still in need of women interested in playing women's basketball.

Games will be played Monday nights beginning in January.

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## Barbershop chorus highlights concert

DUBLIN — The concert choir, stage band, symphonic band, choral ensemble and Devil Mountain Barber Shop Chorus will highlight the 8th Annual Winter Concert scheduled for the Dublin High School gymnasium Wednesday, Dec. 17.

The Devil Mountain group, 93-strong, has won many

awards in competition and comes to Dublin well qualified to present a top program of barber shop harmony.

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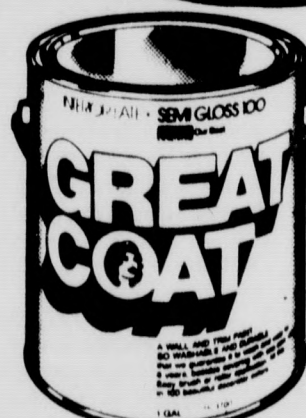
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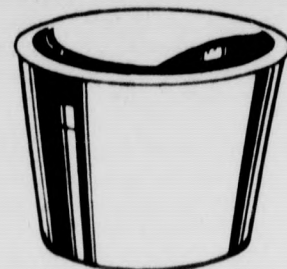
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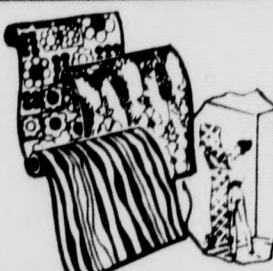


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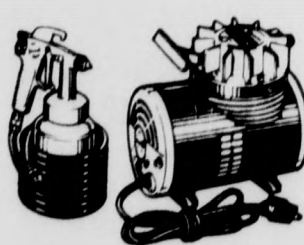
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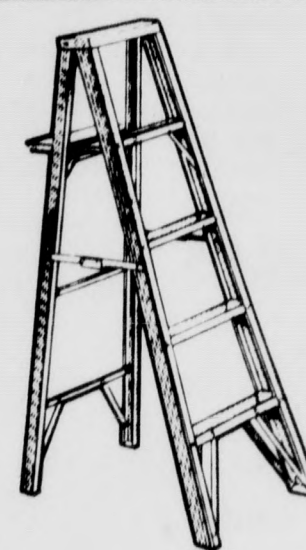
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# The Times

## Editorial and Feature Page

John B. Edmands, Editor and Publisher

## What the county center is not

Now that we have gotten the board of supervisors off of that hill and back onto firmer ground, the board and the public have an opportunity to evaluate that East County Court House for what it really is. We might begin by agreeing what that center is not.

Paying no taxes to any municipal or educational agency, these county centers have also failed to be the catalyst for "private investment" that is so often touted. Such peripheral development has not occurred around the huge county complex in Oakland, and there is no reason to expect any different pattern for lesser centers in the South or East County.

(We do NOT consider bail bondsmen as substantial investors or even desired tenants.)

The Oakland Court House and its administrative extension has not even attracted one good coffee shop. Which refutes that other argument heard hereabouts... "the East County Center would have to be located near existing city services, including a variety of restaurants." Fact is, the Oakland county staff prefers to "brown bag it," using snack bars to augment their low-cost lunch. And jurors, at \$5 per day, are not about to hunt up a \$4 lunch.

What that county center promises is a range of services which relate largely to those in trouble, in need, or in confronta-

tion with various county authority. That is hardly a class of citizen that is also in the mood to shop... for meals, merchandise or a frame of bowling.

The provision of county services within one complex for the Amador-Livermore Valley is an important, even urgent move for certain of our people. That complex should be as convenient as possible to all of the valley's residents, close by planned public transit, and with parking that is adequate while also not paving over any more of our soil than necessary.

While offering no judgement here on a site to meet all those points, it might be noted that any location close by or within the Alameda County Fairgrounds would have the advantage of being able to share its parking with that busy mid-summer exposition. Far from presenting a parking problem (as the fair manager is quoted as saying) we would point out that fully one-third of the fairgrounds' generous parking area is needed just for the two Saturdays and July 4 of each year's fair. Those are days during which any governmental offices would be closed. The parking slots could therefore serve double duty.

That is just one of the points the board of supervisors should consider in making their final choice. They don't need another \$25,000 study. Just a little horse sense will do, gentlemen.

## Tax for safety

How critical is our need to beef up local law enforcement? And would the taxpayers shell out for the kind of "safety" many contend is needed to preserve this suburban way of life?

Livermore is about to get answers to both those questions. A 25 cent tax override to be submitted to the city's electorate in March will give taxpayers their choice in the matter of expanded police and fire protection.

The voter response to that special ballot item will be watched carefully by Livermore's neighbors in Pleasanton and Dublin, and by communities throughout the East Bay.

In these times of inflated dollars and squeezed budgets, local government will fall far short of providing even the "minimal level of service" which most suburbanites have come to expect. Under new state legislation, there is a ceiling on the amount of "general revenue tax" that can be levied on property owners to provide those services.

The answer may be to go direct to the electorate, with tax proposals designed to provide or expand specific services. Pleasanton saw this with the "Parks and Recreation Bond" which is still being put together for possible submission to the city's voters. Dublin-San Ramon had its own special tax package a while back, to expand recreational facilities within the Valley Community Services District.

There could be a danger in this "single purpose tax" approach, as special interest groups apply pressure to have their particular program or project placed on the ballot. A wider gamut of essential services — from sewage treatment to storm drains — might find no champion within the community's ranks.

The secret will be in the governing board's control over what tax measures, and in what priority, to submit to the voters. Certainly fire and police protection, parks and recreation rate high among those ballot options.

## Well, hello there!

For those of you who have been wondering just how big our Bay Area bureaucracy has grown, the Association of Bay Governments (that partial paragon of all bureaucracies) has the answer. Not only that, ABAG has even published a Bay Area Directory, which lists the whole blessed bunch, by name, title and expense account.

The directory is leased out on a one-year subscription basis. This of

course is because the names listed therein are good for only 12 months, at best.

At \$20 per year, the Bay Area Directory could be quite a bargain. After all, it already contains the listing of 1000 offices, high and low, and growing.

For those who can afford nothing this Christmas, and are wondering why, a copy of that directory is recommended. It would serve as a constant reminder as to where our money goes.

an all league quarterback for San Ramon High School in 1973 and Bob Ladouceur, a star performer on the 1972 San Ramon squad.

The two young men, now in college, played football for Fred Houston and have this to say about their recently fired former mentor.

The letter is too long for the regular space reserved for messages of this kind so I'm giving myself a day's vacation and publishing it here.

Dear Editor

Concerning the recent firing of Fred Houston as San Ramon High School football coach, we are two of his former players who would like to voice our opinions.

The two of us, Blair Thomas and myself, Bob Ladouceur, were team members during the 1970-1972 seasons and I also helped him coach his team during 1973.

Football means much more to us than just going out and playing a game once a week. We both now play college football and it is an intensely personal part of our lives.

We know Coach Houston feels the same way we do about it; his love for the game is unsurpassed by anyone we know.

But there is something he cares about far more than the game itself, namely the people who play it. He taught us to play football to the best of our ability regardless of the amount of natural talent we each may or may not have had. More importantly he used football's situations and confrontations to teach us about ourselves, to show us how we might become the most important thing of all: a better person.

Coach Houston showed us that we could surpass what we thought were our limits, both physical and mental, by teaching us to believe in ourselves and in each other. By doing this he proved to us we could attain the highest goals a person would want to work for in terms of earn-

## Caucus



## Letters to the Times

### Non smokers arise

Editor, The Times:

Thank you for the article on non-smokers. I, being a non-smoker, believe that smokers have the right to smoke, but I DON'T believe that they have the right to bring me to the grave along with them! It is sickening, to say the least, to try to eat a decent meal in a restaurant with someone puffing smoke in your face, or having to try on smoke-saturated clothes in a dress shop. I have sat with a sick child in the emergency room's waiting room of the local hospital while some inconsiderate person (usually several) have filled the room with smoke, without one of them asking me whether I minded whether they smoked or not.

Good for you! Let's hope people become a little more considerate of those of us who cannot tolerate smoking. I hope that the members of the Amador High School Board read your article and will say a big fat "No" to smoking on the high school grounds.

Jean M. Bowling  
Pleasanton

### Happy BART patron

Editor, The Times:

Rode BART to the symphony concert at the Paramount in Oakland Wednesday night. It was wonderful. Coming home, the train was packed; and most of the crowd that got on at the Coliseum, where they had seen the Seals play hockey, had to stand. It was a joyful crowd and a good mixture of sports fans and concert lovers, plus some students and workers. The only thing wrong was that we had to drive to Bayfair to get the train.

I see by your paper that next week the feeder buses will be running at night is it true? How I wish that were a BART rail line being constructed through the Dublin Pass rather than more highway lanes for more cars! The total round trip cost was \$1.30 — considerably less than the cost of car mileage. A senior citizen with us made the round trip for thirteen cents. Got home in the same time as by car. It's a delightful way to get from here to there and back again.

Suzanne Dodd  
Livermore

### Lung Assoc. support

Editor, The Times:

I am writing to thank you for the coverage you have accorded the Lung Association during the past year — and to ask your editorial support in encouraging the use of Christmas Seals by your readers.

This year's Christmas Seals, designed by school children throughout the nation, have a youthful zing in their appearance. But Christmas Seals are not only colorful and decorative — 80% of the funds they raise remains here in Alameda County to support service

programs which fight lung diseases and their causes.

Mitchell P. Tarkoff,  
M.D., President  
Lung Association of Alameda County

### Action

Editor, The Times:

During early November, incidental to construction of the new freeway, a westbound detour on Interstate 580 was completed and opened to traffic. Along a portion of that detour, I observed an extremely dangerous and defective condition to have been created halfway up the Dublin grade... a steel rail center divider that was abruptly begun too close to the center traffic lane.

I placed a telephone call to Lynn J. Miller, a Caltrans Senior Project Engineer, and informed him of this grave hazard... he said he would investigate the hazardous site and correct it as soon as possible.

When I traveled the Dublin grade on Saturday, November 22nd... he had corrected the problem and had removed what would likely have caused more than one fatality...

Mr. Miller deserves public recognition and thanks for his interest and immediate response to a matter of critical interest and importance to all who travel Interstate 580.

George Nicholson  
Dublin

## Give to Christmas Seals...



The annual Christmas Seal Campaign, now in its 69th year, supports programs of the nationwide family of Lung Associations in the prevention and control of lung disease.

ing personal dignity and respect. He also helped us to see the good qualities in others.

This enabled us to work together as teammates with respect and admiration for each other.

Coach Houston set an excellent example for his players: he set high goals for himself as a coach and as a person and he tried all the time to meet those goals.

He would not settle for being any less than he thought he could be. He expected the same from his players. He was tough on us and it was not easy to make his team. We needed his toughness and we respected him for challenging us to do and be our best.

He treated us like human beings when we won and also when we lost. He demanded, and we hope he got, our best. He demanded the same for himself.

He personally helped Blair and myself, along with sixteen other players in the past four years, to further our educations and continue our athletic pursuits by working to get us football scholarships to fine academic institutions.

The final and most important thing that we both admire Coach Houston for is that no matter how much talent one player had, he treated and respected everyone equally for trying to improve themselves both on and off the field.

Why such a fine leader of young men like Coach Houston was fired from his job is beyond our comprehension. We would like to know why, and we would like to have those reasons stated to us in no uncertain terms.

A coach like Fred Houston is one in a million and we don't believe that San Ramon High School will find another that can match his fine accomplishments.

Very sincerely,

Signed: Bob Ladouceur, Class of '72

Blair Thomas, Class of '73

## Round the town

It is that time of year again. The "My-Gawd-it-can't-be-Christmas-already" season. A time to be jolly, the radio sings. A time for panic, says I. Gift shopping has never been my thing. One year I bought her a set of glasses. Awful looking things. She smiled sweetly, knowingly, and put them on a back shelf somewhere. Whenever the kid next door wants a drink, we use one of the funny glasses. Hope he drops 'em, one by one.

The lady of our house is the resident expert at buying gifts. She'll be browsing through Solvang in October. Grab off an item or two. Two months later they show up, nicely wrapped. "Just what I wanted!" one member of the family will scream. The Solvan Soothsayer strikes again.

Fella next door goes off to The City all by himself and buys all kinds of things. Nighties and other unmentionables. For HIS WIFE, silly! Has a great eye for sizes, styles, that sort of thing. Wife opens up her packages Christmas day and is genuinely pleased.

I tried that one once. The blessed robe was the wrong size. Wrong color. She looked like Mag The Rag, morning after. Kept the thing in the box for a few days, quietly returned it to the vendor for credit. We never mentioned it again. One more reason why ours is the perfect marriage.

"I don't have a thing for anyone this Christmas," she announces. Says that every December. Scars blazes out of the family. For the record, we say things like "That's alright. There's nothing I really need this year anyway. And we just got the living room furniture covered last month." Secretly we are in internal panic. Can't stand the thought of "nothing under the tree this year." But unable to do anything about it. There ought to be a school for the Gifting Misfits. Somebody to guide us through the perils of December shopping.

Truth is, I buy her something nice every year. Very in, trifle expensive. Not that I would know. It appears with Dec. 24 magic under the tree each year "To Mom from Dad." The "Mom" always acts surprised. But not half as surprised as the "Dad."

"I thought this would be something you would want to give me," she whispers in my ear as she delivers the "thank you Santa" smooch. For years we conned the kids with this annual charade. Until they reached the age of five. Now they're all in on the game. "Mother's little Christmas trick on Dad." I have never learned whether to join in the laughter, or cry at my poor ineptness. Usually I just grunt. Dad's are supposed to grunt, at Christmas.

"Where will we put the tree this year?" That's another challenge I've never really met. Head on. The ideal corner is where the TV now stands, in supreme control of that slice of the living room.

"We could move the TV over there alongside the piano... push the piano back against the wall... put the two chairs over there, preferably stacked." I issue these brilliant suggestions with the authority of one who commands his ship, or seems to. In truth, it's a decoy. To confuse the enemy. Conjures up a picture of furniture moved and removed, the place in a blessed mess.

The results are always the same. The Tree goes into the same corner, sharing with the TV. Adds a splash of Yuletide spirit to the long football season. It's the least I can do.

"We won't put up all the decorations and things this year." She always says that, too. But somehow the boxes are delivered from the shed, one by one. And emptied of their glitter, one by one. And then she'll say, "My goodness! It certainly doesn't go far, does it?"

And then she buys just one or two more. Or produces "these cute little things I picked up in Solvang." Two months ago. I feel like the guy who slides in home with the winning run, but only after there's already three out.

Some of our tree ornaments are classics. From way back. Like the two large balls that open up, leaving space to secrete something special. For years Funny-Old-Dad tucked a message into each of those balls for the two youngest. "Good for one free subscription to The Times," the note said. And every year the recipients of those free subs complained. "Oh dad! Not again!!"

Last year I skipped the traditional note inside the traditional tree balls. The two college-age moppets complained, bitterly. "We miss your funny old ways," one explained, giving me a kiss.

Even Dads are indispensable, at Christmas time.

—by john edmands

## Lighter Times

During the dollar and gasoline crunch of 1972-73, you will be happy to learn that the major food chains not only survived, but some actually prospered, sort of.

Restaurants too, which are

reliant on folks using high-priced gasoline to get from there to here, "demonstrated their resilience," to quote Associated Press, which was quoting Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith for this market update.

"Consumers actually increased their purchases of restaurant meals despite the gasoline shortage," the survey found. The reason? — the price of food the housewife bought from the market rose twice as fast (16 percent against 8 percent) as the price of restaurant food.

It will also come as little surprise to most of you the statement that "of the 369,000 commercial restaurants in

the United States at midyear, about 40,000 were operated by franchise chains." Watch out MacDonald's!!

If you still find food prices too tough to digest, you might try figs. Not to eat. But to grow.

The California Fig Institute reports that "Figs are one of the few deficit supply commodities in California right now." Only dates share that same unwanted role.

Now there'll be a big surge in planting for figs, just like the rush to get into grapes a year or so ago, and the agri-economists will soon be singing a duet: "The glut in grapes and figs is killing us in California."

But for now, the outlook for figs is bright. Almost as bright as a Colonel Sanders basket of chicken.

None of which is very promising for the American stomach, in the 200th year of our deliverance.



## Sound and Fury

Walt Hecox

Sometimes a man is not allowed to let well enough alone.

When I spoke, or wrote as the case may be, my piece about Fred Houston last week the matter was closed as far as I was concerned.

I don't expect Jim Henderson to change his mind about Houston's reassignment because the move was criticized by a lone newspaperman any more than I expect the district to revoke Boyer August's change in jobs in the face of August's tireless and persistent efforts to reverse the decision.

The fact that I would applaud the first move and jeer the second is not important. An administrator must stand by his own decisions or become completely ineffective. If the decisions are wrong often enough he or she will soon become ex-administrators.

Whatever my own feelings, I believe that when two fine young men are looking for a platform they have a right to be heard, particularly when they represent the student mainstream which accomplishes the most while being heard least.

Some of you out there must remember Blair Thomas,





## Dr. Lamb

## Pot bellies common today

By Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.  
DEAR DR. LAMB — Why do so many people, young and old, men and women, have protruding stomachs nowadays?

I'm over 60 and have rheumatoid arthritis. My feet, legs, and knees have become very painful to use, hence my exercise is limited. Until I acquired arthritis some years ago, I had a very flat stomach. Now it protrudes — feels swollen.

I know this is due in part to massive doses of aspirin and 10 milligrams of Prednisone daily. Can you recommend an exercise to fit my ability and that would help my stomach problems?

DEAR READER — You see so many bulging abdomens these days because people eat too much, exercise too little

and have few, if any, activities that help maintain the strength of the abdominal muscles.

The person in good health who wants to avoid this problem, or correct it, can get information on how to do it by sending 50 cents for The Health Letter, number 3-7, Girth Control: Avoiding The Big Middle, with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for mailing. Address your letter to me in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019. This issue will give you information on exercises you can use to help avoid this problem.

Regardless of the exercise program you use, if your abdomen is stuffed with fat you can't significantly decrease

its size. The task is like trying to compress a plastic bag full of water into a smaller volume. It just won't happen. There is usually about as much fat inside the abdomen as there is outside. As you eliminate body fat from the outside you are also eliminating some packed inside your abdominal cavity.

A successful campaign to win the battle of the bulge includes both an exercise program directed toward your trunk muscles, and a proper diet program. Good posture helps, also.

Your problem is different because of your rheumatoid arthritis. Incidentally, those who want information on rheumatoid arthritis can follow the same procedure I mentioned for the information on the big middle, only ask for The Health Letter, number 4-11, Rheumatoid Arthritis. Your abdomen is distended with fluid from your medicines. Prednisone and other cortisone medicines tend to cause abdominal obesity.

Because of the complications of cortisone medicines, they are used only in selected cases. I can't say whether your case required cortisone or not, but as long as you are under the care of a specialist in rheumatoid arthritis, he can guide you to the best current therapy.

I am not hopeful that exercise will help reduce your abdomen any more than it will a person who has abdominal obesity which is not corrected. You may get some advantage by strengthening your abdominal muscles to a limited degree. You can practice tightening and relaxing your abdominal muscles while lying down, while sitting or even while standing. Repeated contractions will help you maintain the strength of your muscles. Don't overdo it at the start.

Depending on the status of your hips and general health, you might also be able to do situps or leglifts. These two types of exercise are the ones most commonly used to strengthen the abdomen.

## Johnny Wonder's QUESTION CORNER

**Q. THE METRIC SYSTEM** 9TH OF A SERIES

THE METRIC SYSTEM IS A DECIMAL SYSTEM. IT IS BASED ON THE NUMBER 10. METRIC UNITS INCREASE IN POWERS OF TEN.

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The metric system is sometimes called the "decimal" system because it is based on the number 10 as in our number system.

The metric system is easy for most people to use, since it is easier to multiply and divide by 10, 100, and other powers of 10 than to work with the numbers and fractions we now use in changing inches to feet, ounces to pounds, and so on.

As for adding and subtracting, the decimal system is by far the speediest and least troublesome.

And metric decimal fractions (such as 0.25) are much easier to handle than ordinary fractions (such as 1/4). With the metric system, there's no need to remember that there are 5,

280 feet in a mile, or 128 ounces in a gallon, or other cumbersome measures.

You can quickly change from one metric unit to the next higher or lower unit by moving the decimal in the appropriate direction for each step up or each step down. That's all there is to it!

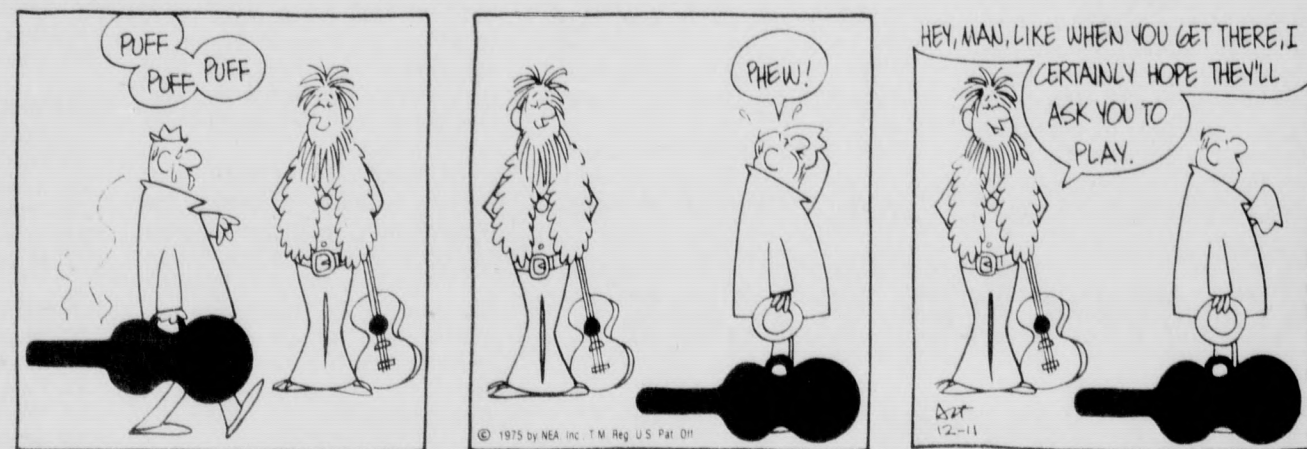
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Here's wonderful news! A pocket radio, camera, World Almanac globe or other fine prize will be awarded to the first youngster sending in a question used here. Send your question and your age to Johnny Wonder, c/o this newspaper, Box 1335 (DA), Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

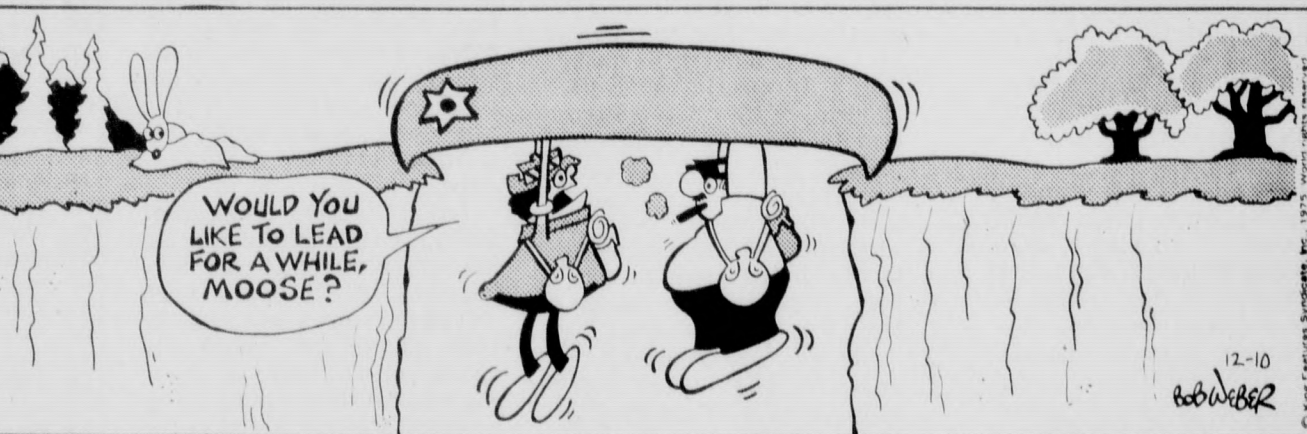
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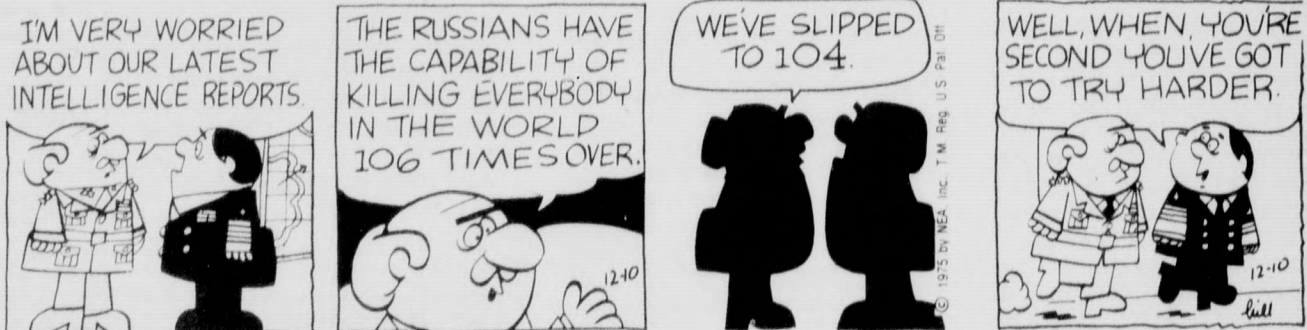
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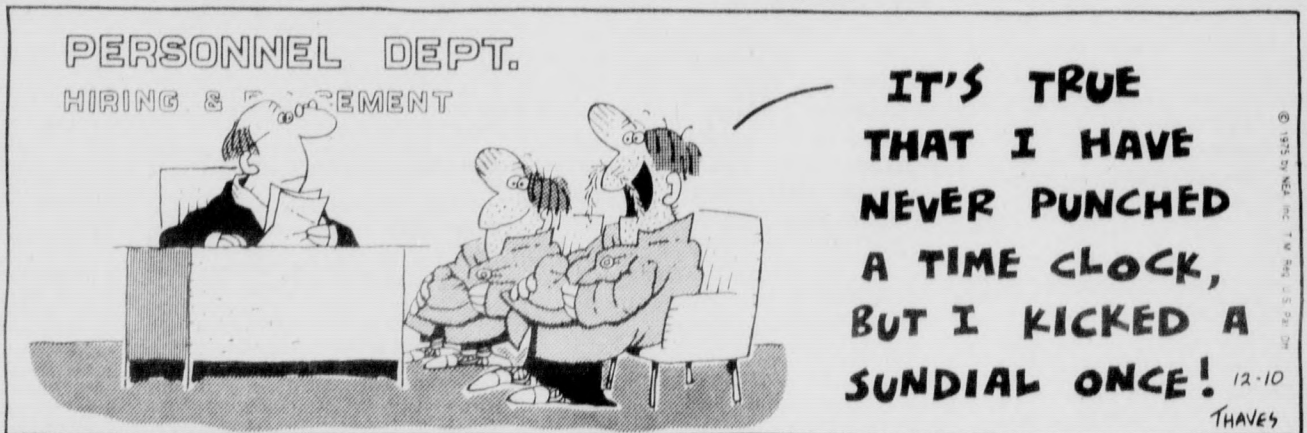
## PRISCILLA'S POP



## SHORT RIBS



## FRANK AND ERNEST



## CARNIVAL

by Dick Turner



## SIDE GLANCES

by Gill Fox



## FAMILY CIRCUS



"It costs too much for Mommy and Daddy to buy, but we'll ask Santa for it."

## CROSSWORD

Answer to Previous Puzzle

## Winter

ACROSS	42 Trembles from cold	64 Grating sound
1 Winter vehicle	44 Wine vessel	65 Not empty
2 Not hot	47 Small fish	58 Love excessively
3 Snow runner	48 Very cold	59 Take food
12 Treaty group (ab.)	51 One granting use of	60 Run away from
13 River to Baltic Sea	55 Dawn goddess	61 Native minerals
14 Interest (ab.)	56 Not empty	62 Transposes (ab.)
15 Eclipse	58 Love excessively	63 Shirt-front ornament
16 Denmark	59 Take food	64 Grating sound
17 Maiden name	60 Run away from	65 Not empty
18 Bubbled up from earth	61 Native minerals	62 Transposes (ab.)
20 Sign on thin ice	62 Transposes (ab.)	63 Shirt-front ornament
22 Feel ill	63 Shirt-front ornament	64 Grating sound
23 Tiny (Scott.)	64 Grating sound	65 Not empty
24 One who makes butter	65 Not empty	66 Grating sound
28 Develop	66 Grating sound	67 Grating sound
32 Revised (ab.)	67 Grating sound	68 Grating sound
33 Mariner's direction	68 Grating sound	69 Grating sound
34 First lady	69 Grating sound	70 Grating sound
35 Exist	70 Grating sound	71 Grating sound
36 Economic group (ab.)	71 Grating sound	72 Grating sound
39 Number	72 Grating sound	73 Grating sound
40 Boast	73 Grating sound	74 Grating sound

## WIN AT BRIDGE

## Herbert response saves set

**NORTH** 10  
 ♠ 8 6 4  
 ♥ 3  
 ♦ 9 7 5 4  
 ♣ 9 7 6 4 2

**EAST**  
 ♠ A 5 2  
 ♥ 10 7 2  
 ♦ Q J 10 8  
 ♣ Q 8 5

**SOUTH (D)**  
 ♠ K 7  
 ♥ A K Q J 9 8 4  
 ♦ A 2  
 ♣ A 3

North-South vulnerable

West North East South  
 Pass 2 NT Pass 4♥  
 Pass Pass Pass  
 Opening lead —

By Oswald &amp; James Jacoby

Back in the late '30s, Walter Herbert, the conductor of the New Orleans symphony and a fine bridge player proposed the Herbert convention. It was hands such as the one shown today that gave Walter his idea. South opens two hearts and North makes the bust response of two notrump. If South jumps to four hearts and West does not open a spade, South will be held to nine tricks. He will score his honors in rubber bridge. If South raises to three no trump he will be sure of his contract

An Ohio reader wants to know about the penalty for down four tricks doubled when not vulnerable.

It is 700, consisting of 100 for the first trick and 200 for each subsequent trick.

(Do you have a question for the experts? Write "Ask the Jacobys" care of this newspaper. The Jacobys will answer individual questions if stamped, self-addressed envelopes are enclosed. The most interesting questions will be used in this column and will receive copies of JACOBY MODERN.)

"Note the bumper space . . . room enough for any message you care to give the world!"

"Keep an eye on that fellow. I think he's an undercover atheist!"



# EPA concludes landings by Concorde undesirable

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency has tentatively concluded that landings by the Concorde supersonic airplane would be undesirable in New York City and questionable in Washington, the agency administrator says.

The new determination is a sharp turn around from EPA's previous position that the Concorde's noise level would not be significantly higher than that of comparable long-range subsonic jets.

If made final, the determination could have a major

impact on hopes by the British and French manufacturers of the supersonic transport that landing in New York and Washington will be allowed.

Transportation Secretary William T. Coleman Jr. has promised to decide by Feb. 6 whether the applications of British Airways and Air France to operate limited Concorde flights into those two cities should be approved.

EPA Administrator Russell Train told a House subcommittee his agency's determi-

nation resulted from new tests that showed the Concorde would sound twice as loud as conventional long-range subsonic jets and would sound even louder to persons inside buildings.

Although Train stressed that this determination was tentative, he said EPA's position at this point was "any landings at John F. Kennedy Airport in New York City look questionable. That is our preliminary view from the data we now have."

In addition to Train, witnesses scheduled before the House subcommittee on government activities and transportation were Roger Strelow, EPA assistant administrator for air and waste management, and John E. Wesler of the Department of Transportation.

Government and congressional sources say the National Security Council and State Department are quietly reminding federal agencies not to overlook foreign policy implications when reaching any decision that might jeopardize the future of the Concorde.

In addition, President Ford's chief counsel has acknowledged that the airplane's British and French developers were told that the U.S. government would help them meet federal noise standards that would allow operation of the plane in the United States.

July 1974 of lying to a U.S. Senate committee investigating the circumstances under which International Telephone & Telegraph Co. promised to partially underwrite the 1972 Republican National Convention.

He was given an 18-month suspended sentence following the verdict. He resigned his post shortly before the sentence was handed down.

But the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington overturned the conviction Monday on the grounds that the committee which heard Reinecke's testimony did not have enough members present.

Reinecke said he cried when he learned of the ruling in a telephone call from his wife. "I was sort of stunned," he said. "It was a very emotional moment for me."

The decision did not discuss the question of whether Reinecke lied to the committee, but Reinecke said he felt vindicated by the ruling.

He said that the appeals court had simply agreed with one of the first points in his appeal and had not taken up other contentions.

## Changes is structure talks set

PLEASANTON — A proposed change in the structure of the Community Concerns Committee will be discussed by the committee at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the Pleasanton Justice Court.

The city staff has proposed that the committee membership be changed from nine citizens to four citizens and three ex-officio members from city commissions. The housing authority, planning commission and park and recreation commission would contribute the ex-officio members.

The city staff has proposed the restructuring to increase involvement of the CCC with city government. The three ex-officio members would improve communication between the CCC and other city commissions, say staff members. CCC chairman Sam Roberson has welcomed the proposed change, calling it an increase in power for the committee.

CCC member Phil Cooper has objected to the restructuring. It will hurt the independence of the citizens' group, which should function as an ombudsman independent of the city staff and commissioners, according to Cooper.

The CCC originally had nine members, but membership has dropped to five owing to resignations. The council has refused to appoint any new members because it wants to see first whether restructuring will occur. The CCC has had trouble meeting its old quorum requirement of five members, so the City Council last month cut the quorum requirement to three members.

## Camp Fire Girls to carol this week

The sweet sound of Christmas carols will be ringing outside of Valley homes in the coming week.

Camp Fire Girls in Pleasanton and Livermore will be singing Dec. 10-17 — just to spread a little holiday cheer.

Leading the 37 girls from Pleasanton and 50 from Livermore will be Pat Chisholm, Connie Berian and Carol Lascola.

"If you hear us outside your door," they say, "just open your door and listen. When we're done, we'll give you a souvenir — a Christmas ornament for your tree, handmade by the girls."

It's not a fund-raiser and the girls don't even want any hot chocolate, thanks. They'll be going back to their leaders' homes after their evening performances, to have their own little parties.

## Rezoning discussion scheduled

PLEASANTON — The planning commission will consider two rezoning applications and one general plan amendment for commercial uses at 8 p.m. today in the justice court.

The three commercial applications come to the commission against a background of apparent need for more commercial floor space in the city, according to a planning staff report. The planning staff found that the city now has too much office space, but every available bit of retail store space is being used. With this in mind, the staff has recommended approval of the three applications, but with the provision that the applicants agree not to build offices on the land.

One of the applicants, Ted Myers, owns an office building on Valley Avenue and Santa Rita Road which is "partially utilized," said the staff. Myers is asking for a general plan amendment from medium density residential to retail business and offices on 2.4 acres between the El Rancho Motel and the Valley Plaza Shopping Center at Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue.

Dean Morrison wants commercial zoning for two-thirds of an acre now zoned for apartments at the northeast corner of Hopyard Road and Valley Avenue. Near Morrison's property Spivak Properties wants three acres zoned commercial and an adjacent two acres zoned for public institutions on five acres now zoned agricultural.

Prior to the planning commission meeting, the panel's design review board will meet at 7:45 p.m. to consider an application from Utility Vault Company to add 11,200 square feet to its metal building at 800 Valley Avenue.

## Murray parent council meeting

DUBLIN — The Murray School District Parent-Administrative Council will convene at 8 p.m. Thursday at Fallon School, 7425 Larkdale Ave.

On the agenda are discussions of the bond election scheduled for the March 2, 1976 ballot, Honor Roll, after school sports and special services in the district.

## Court rules prosecution on drug use

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled today that doctors may be prosecuted as drug pushers if they dispense drugs for purposes other than legitimate medical treatment.

In a unanimous decision, the court said the physicians are not exempt from prosecution under the federal statute outlawing drug trafficking. The law sets a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison and a \$25,000 fine for violations.

The justices overturned a U.S. Circuit Court decision that doctors were exempt from charges under that law and could be prosecuted only under related statutes with much lighter penalties.

The ruling came in the case of Thomas W. Moore Jr., who was convicted in the District of Columbia of dispensing methadone in violation of federal law. Moore's license to practice medicine was revoked and he was sentenced to five to 15 years in prison and fined a total of \$150,000 on multiple counts.

### LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.** Sealed proposals will be received at the Office of Engineering Services of the City of Pleasanton, Civic Center 200 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, California, until December 18, 1975, 2:00 p.m. P.D.S.T. for the construction of landscape improvements in the following portion of the City:

the Construction of Landscape Improvements. **HANSEN PARK, PHASE II.**

Plans, specifications, and standard proposal form to be used for bidding of this project are obtainable at the Office of Engineering Services, 200 Bernal Avenue, Civic Center, Pleasanton, California, and copies thereof may be obtained at said office upon payment of the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) per set with no refund.

No bid will be considered unless it is made on a blank form furnished by the City Engineer and is made in accordance with provisions of the Proposal Requirements and Conditions set forth under Section 2 of the Standard Specifications of the State of California.

The Bidder to whom award is made shall furnish performance and payment bonds at the time of signing of the formal agreement. One of the said bonds shall guarantee faithful performance of the contract by the Contractor and shall be executed in an amount equal to the contract price. The other of the said bonds shall be furnished as required by the terms of Sections 4200 to 4208 of the Government Code of the State of California, and shall also be executed in the amount of the contract price.

Said Bidder shall secure and maintain such insurance policies as are required and submit evidence that such insurance will be in force for the length of the contract, and shall submit evidence of a valid State of California Contractor's License in the category required for the work being performed, and a current business license to conduct business in the City of Pleasanton, California.

The City of Pleasanton reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in any bid, or to delete portions thereof. Prevailing wage rates have been adopted by Resolution No. 75-59 of the City Council, and are on file with the City Clerk. It will be necessary for a notice of the existence of said resolution to be provided to each employee who works on the project or post the notice in a conspicuous place at the job site.

A Statement of Financial Responsibility, Technical Ability and Experience, and a list of subcontractors shall accompany all proposals. Failure to furnish such statements may result in rejection of the proposal. Forms for these statements will be furnished by the City Engineer.

CITY OF PLEASANTON  
s/ William H. Edgar  
CITY CLERK  
DATE November 25, 1975  
Legal PT 983  
Publish Nov. 26, Dec. 10, 1975

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. Lost & Found

**DALMATIAN** found vicinity No. Livermore. 447-0208.

**FOUND:** Female, blk. Poodle mix pup, vic. Amor High, Thurs. Dec. 4, 462-2694.

**FOUND:** Gentlemen's ring, vic. Sunset Homes, Liv. 12/2/75. Owner ident. 443-3115.

**FOUND:** Mother & son Terrier mix, blk. & brn. near Granada Shopping, Liv. 443-2699.

**FOUND:** Pair of children's glasses, in case, vic. Sandpiper & Hummingbird, Pleas. 846-7595.

**FOUND:** Small puppy, collie type, vic. PAX Market, Liv. 455-6359.

**FOUND:** White Collie, blk. & brn. head, vic. Olivina Ranch, So. of Liv., owner ident. 447-3997.

**LOST:** Male, short haired, blk. & brn., long legs. Reward. No tags. Del Prado area. 846-4825.

### BUSINESS SERVICES

9. Services Offered

**CARPETS DRY CLEANED,** no shrinkage, mildew, or discoloration; living rm., dining, & hall, \$25. 300 sq. ft. For appt. call Gardner 828-6173.

**EXPER. PAINTER** offers quality work on interior or exterior jobs at **HOLIDAY PRICES.** 828-0864.

**FIX ALL.** Plumbing, elect. cptry, heat, ing. repair & install appl., etc. 828-4334.

**GENERAL CARPENTRY,** remodel, repairs, patios, no job too small. Sam. aft. 5:28-1826.

**MAYFIELD'S STEAM CARPET CLEANING** Up to 300 sq. ft. \$30. Soil retardant applied. Insured. Licensed. Guaranteed. 443-5604.

**SEE OUR BUSINESS & SERVICE GUIDE.** We have specialists to service your every need.

33. Salespeople

### 100% COMMISSIONS

#### REAL ESTATE SALES

Choose from our top two programs: If you are a proven producer you owe it to yourself to investigate our offer. Start now on 100% commissions with lowest monthly expenses in the industry. Or start on our new \$7,000 — 100% commission program with no expense. Earn more in 1976. Call Stan Burns 443-8700, or Robb Sturges 829-4100.

### VINTAGE REALTY

### 11. Building Services

**ADD A ROOM SHELL.** If you considered building last year & didn't you have lost the cost of a bathroom or fireplace plus the comfort & convenience of extra space for your family. We have the knowledge & ability to plan an addition to fit your budget. Our offices are in Pleasanton.

**CAROLINE-KNUDSON, INC. BUILDERS** CALL 462-5220

**CABINETS & DECORATING** Specialize in all small remodeling. Bus. 829-4588 or 846-9430.

**I NEED WORK** Cabinet, kitchen, remodeling, room additions. Call 793-8702.

### 13. Garden Service

**ECONOMICAL** cleanups, hauling, trimming, weeding, & maintenance. 443-5627.

### INSTRUCTION

**A GIFT OF MUSIC** Guitar, piano, banjo, voice. First four private lessons, \$12. Tru man Lee Guitar Studio. 829-1896 aft. 1:30 p.m.

**BELLY DANCE** & lose 5 to 10 lbs. by Xmas. New class begins 11/28. Hire a prof. dancer for your holiday parties, or give gift certificates for Xmas & birthdays. Call now. **NIRVANA**, 443-6552.

**GUITAR LESSONS** \$250/1/2 hr. at your home, beg. & inter. Exper. Call Pete. 846-0725.

### PIANO INSTRUCTION

Classical & Jazz 25 yrs. professional exper. Call 829-3178

### 27. Nursery Schools

**DAY CARE,** adj. to Fredericksen School, room for 2, ages 3 yrs. & up. 829-0875.

### EMPLOYMENT

**32. Help Wanted**

**ARROYO AGENCY LOCAL JOBS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE** 61 South Liv. Ave., Liv. 447-3559

**BUSY FULLER BRUSH MAN** needs assistant to pickup & deliver orders. Car & phone a must. 937-4253.

**HERITAGE REALTORS - GALLERY OF HOMES IS EXPANDING!** Come to where the action is. If you are thinking of Real Estate as a career, consider this. We assist in your schooling and upon graduation offer you on-the-job training. Two of our recent employees each wrote in excess of \$240,000 worth of business during the month of November. We offer commission plus incentive. Before you make a choice, call for a personal interview with Doug Hall, 828-6060 or come and visit our innovative new concept of selling with nationwide Gallery of Homes. You'll be glad you did.

**IMMEDIATE OPENINGS** for drivers, nights & wknds. Must be 21 or older. Clear police & driving record. Retirees welcome. Call 455-6161.

**INTERVIEWER/MERCHANDISER** Part-time, will train right person, excel. income. 846-1139.

**LADY BARTENDER**, 30 plus yrs. Byron area. 684-2133 or 634-4008 aft. 4 p.m.

**LAYOUT ARTIST** EXPERIENCED in newspaper layout, knowledge of lettering, half tones, line-art and color separation. Typing and clerical detail also. 40 hour week, permanent, fringe benefits. Pleasanton office of the Valley Times/Pleasanton Times. 462-4164.

**MANAGER/DISTRIBUTOR**, for wholesale business. Part-time. Good income. 443-5728.

**NEED HOLIDAY MONEY?** Part-time evening work for those now employed. Eves. 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. plus Sat. 10:00-2:00 p.m. if desired. \$280 per month. Some permanent part-time positions available. Profit sharing also available. For interview call 443-8113.

**OPENING-INSTANT PRINT SHOP**, for exper. counter person to quote, order paper & type. Press exper. helpful. Call Chuck. 846-0123.

**PRINT SHOP**, in Dublin area is expanding. Needs exper. work-ing manager of camera, stripping, paste-up, layout & typesetting depts. 828-6330.

**SALES PEOPLE** wanted to make appts. for Kiddie Capers Club Home Portrait Studio in Pleasanton. Good pay daily + generous bonus. Hard workers only. (408) 269-7428.

**SECURITY GUARDS** Security officers required for site in San Ramon. Permanent position, min. age 18, clear record, transportation, telephone required. Call collect, (408) 243-4633.

**SECURITY OFFICERS** Immediate positions open in Valley area. Must be 21 or older, retirees welcome, clear police & driving record. Call 455-1666.

**WAITRESS & PIZZA MAKER** wanted, exper. pref. married, 25 yrs. or over. Call between 1-4 p.m. Closed Monday. 846-6800.

**WAITRESS:** Bar. Need sober, dependable person, not afraid to work. Call 443-1193.

**33. Salespeople**

**REAL ESTATE SALES PEOPLE WANTED** — San Ramon, Dublin, Danville Area. Young active office needs aggressive salespeople who want to make a good income. Call Dan Linney

**YOUNG AMERICAN REALTORS** 829-4222.

**33. Salespeople**

**34. Domestic Needed**

**MATURE WOMAN**, for child care & light housekeeping, Mon. thru Fri., 8-5 p.m. 462-1329.

**PERMANENT BABYSITTER**, for infant in my Sunol home. Woman without children at home. Pref. non-smoker. \$90 per wk. 862-2284.

**35. Work Wanted**

**HOLIDAY HOUSECLEANING WANTED.** Get your house ready for the Holidays. Call 828-3690.

**WORK WANTED:** Window cleaning by exper. custodian, reasonable. 443-8223.

**LIVESTOCK, PETS**

**38. Pets & Services**

**BEAUTIFUL BLACK** female spayed cat, needs love, affection & no other pets. Free. 443-7890 aft. 6 p.m.

**FREE COLLIE MIX**, very friendly, housebroken. 455-6359.

**FREE WHITE COLLIE** w/dark markings, very friendly, needs a loving home. 447-3997.

**FREE:** German Shorthairs, 1 male, 1 spayed fem., good with children. 443-6177.

**FREE: SHEPHERD TO GOOD HOME**, has all shots, good watchdog. 828-7729. Eves. or all day Sun.

**GERM. SHEP./LAB** puppies, free to good homes. Days, call 657-5366, eves. call 846-8531.

**HABITRAIL PET HOUSE**, complete w/hamster, great Xmas gift. \$15. 443-3478.

**IRISH SETTER PUPS**, AKC, avail. by Christmas. \$80 to \$100. Call 846-4806.

**IRISH WOLFOUND**, AKC registered, female, 8 weeks old. 846-7644.

**POODLE**, white, male, 5 mos., AKC registered, pref. older persons. \$125. 462-1890.

**39. Livestock**

**BOX STALL**, lg. paddock, tack room, close in. 447-8235 before 10 a.m. or aft. 5:30 p.m.

**Livestock** Bought and sold, fat and feeder cattle, sheep, hogs and horses. Also buy live horses & cows for dog food. Lic. Dir. Also Dead Stock Removal. Clarence Pementel 656-1151. 41100 Mission Blvd., Mission S.J. Fremont.

**SORREL MARE**, sell for board, pears, prunes, raisins, apples, figs, almonds, walnuts. Gift Packs. Stallion Ranch, 4 mi. south of Antioch on Lone Tree Way. 757-7439.

**46. Appliances**

**APPLIANCE PARTS SUPPLY**, parts, manuals, used appliances. 3927 First St., Liv. 443-8550.

**DISHWASHER**, built-in, \$50 or best offer. 443-7897 or 443-1138.

**47. Home Furnishings**

**CONTOUR** (brand name) double lounge chair, end tables, lamps, table & 2 chairs, lamps. 455-0797.

**KINGSIZE BED** Firm matt., complete, \$50. Call 846-3490.

**SOLID MAHOGANY** dresser & nightstand, good cond., \$100 or best offer. Call 462-5161 after 6:30 p.m.

**48. Articles for Sale**

**ARC WELDER-LINCOLN**, 225 amp, \$1050. Gas



## REAL ESTATE

**88. Commercial, Industrial for Sale**

PLEASANTON, for sale or lease 9250 sq. ft. retail on Main St. Fred Moore, 933-0400.

## DUBLIN

**NO DOWN G.I. BUYER**  
On this sharp 3 b.d.m., 2 bath, built-in Range & Oven, dishwasher, on large lot, many trees, close to school. \$35,900.

**TRI-VALLEY**  
Realtors 828-8700  
8929 San Ramon Rd.

## PRESTIGE HOMES

829-4900

## CUSHY COMFORT

And more! Such as 18x200 ramp with wet bar, stone fireplace plus 4 b.d.m., 2 bath, AEK with dishwasher & disposal. Covered patio, sprinklers front and back. Call for info.

## 10% DOWN

Over 2000 sq. ft. of luxury living. Courtyard, dbl. doors, tiled entry, stepdown living room, formal dining room, AEK, breakfast bar, paneled family room with fireplace, 4 huge b.d.m.s., redwood deck. Assume FHA loan. Only \$55,500.

## FANTASTIC

4 bedroom 2 story, located in Dublin's best area. Beautiful heated filtered swimming pool with pool sweep. Located on quiet court, 1/4 acre lot. \$60,950.

## PLEASANTON

**10 ACRE RANCH**  
Located on 2 1/2 miles from Pleasanton. Good barn, can be subdivided. Only \$7,900 per acre.

## LIVERMORE

**HORSE LOVERS**  
Who wants a 5 acre ranch with 3 b.d.m.s., 2 bath 1 1/2 years new, modern home. Many custom features including family room, fireplace, w/w carpets thru-out, shake roof, new barn, ideal horse setup. \$69,950. 10 Mins. from Livermore.

## PRESTIGE HOMES

829-4900

## PRETTY AS A PICTURE

and priced to sell. This 3 b.d.m., 2 bath with true country kitchen & sunken family room, large covered patio surrounded by lovely landscaped backyard. Close to schools & shopping. \$42,950.

## Century 21

828-0200

SMALL DOWN PAYMENT on this 4 b.d.m., 2 bath, new carpets & drapes, fireplace, big yard, sprinklers. \$38,500.

TRI-VALLEY

Realtors 829-1020  
7335 Village Pkwy., Dub.

SPECTACULAR

view of Mt. Diablo & entire valley from this delightful, cheery 3 b.d.m., 2 bath ranch style home. Upgraded throughout incl. recent exterior & interior painting. New on the market & waiting for you. Call us 555,500.

WOODREN COUNTRY

828-7101 Realtor Open 9-9  
11900 Silvergate, Dub.

1050 DOLLARS DOWN moves this 4 b.d.m., 2 bath, 3 b.d.m., 2 bath, dishwasher, carpets, decorator wallpaper and paneling. Dublin's best buy. \$35,500.

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Realtor 462-2770  
268 Main St., Pleasanton

LIVERMORE

BY OWNER: \$13,500 assumes 7 1/2% VA on 4 b.d.m., 2 bath, conveniently located home, ctd., central air/heat, AEK, w/dishwasher, front lawn sprinklers. Call 443-3840 or 846-2307.

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### For a merrier Christmas

The Livermore Emergency Center has been helping the needy of the local area since 1967 and will continue with their dedicated services again this year. Barbara Musselman, one of the workers from the center, begins the task of preparing the baskets which will be distributed before Christmas. Such items as a turkey, canned goods, toys for the younger children and gift certificates for the older children are a few of the articles included in the baskets. Anyone able to make donations (they need not be strictly "Christmas" items) may do so by taking them to the Center at 2564 First Street or calling 447-4186 for further information. Anyone knowing of a family in need is also asked to contact the center.

## Fire department warning don't leave kids alone

One child out of every three who die in fires was alone and helpless when the blaze struck.

That is the shocking and tragic conclusion of a study by the National Fire Protection Association.

The Pleasanton Fire Information Center asks parents to never leave small children alone, even if you are only going to be away from the house for a few moments. If you can't take them with you, find a neighbor to watch over them.

The center offers other precautions to help make for a safe winter:

- Make sure baby sitters have specific instructions

in case of fire. These should include how to get children out of the house the instant smoke or gas is noted, the location of at least two escape routes from every room, and how to contact the fire department, parents, doctor or police.

- Keep young children — two years and under — in constant sight and mind.

- Teach older children how to use and respect fire. They learn best by your example.

- Keep your home free of fire hazards by regular check-ups.

- Train children of all ages how to get out of the house to safety in case of

fire. Have two escape routes from every room, keep them accessible and make sure the children know them by heart.

Dirty or defective heating equipment are among the main causes of deadly home fires. With the cold season fast approaching, the center advises that care be given to this potential killer.

Have all heating equipment in your home cleaned and serviced. Replace filters and accomplish all necessary repairs.

As a public service, PG&E will provide a home inspection upon request if you suspect your heating unit is not functioning properly. To arrange for the inspection, call PG&E at 447-1480.

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### Masters and work sheets

## TAG schedules available at Foothill now

PLEASANTON — Foothill High School students will be given an opportunity to choose teachers and periods for their classes next semester on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 17 and 18.

Before the mill, students will be given a master schedule and worksheet from the Teacher Advisory Group (TAG) teachers. It will list all the courses, teachers, periods, and room numbers. From this the student will figure out his/her preferred schedule. Plus two alternate schedules. It is important that each student attend TAG this week (Dec. 8-12) to receive their materials and their instructions.

The following time schedule will be followed closely so each student should know in advance when to arrive at the mill.

WEDNESDAY — Juniors with last names N-Z, report at 8:50 a.m.; Group 2, Juniors with last names A-F, report 8:50-9:40 a.m.; Group 3, Juniors with last names G-M, report 9:40-10:30 a.m. Mill closed from 10:30 to 11:30.

Group 4, Sophomores with last names N-Z, report 11:30-12:15; Group 5, Sophomores with last names A-F, report 12:15-1 p.m.; Group 6, Sophomores with last names G-M, report 1-1:45 p.m.

THURSDAY — Group 1, Freshmen with last names N-Z, report 8:50 a.m.; Group 2, Freshmen with last names A-F, report 8:50-9:40; Group 3, Freshmen with last names G-M, report 9:40-10:30. Mill closed from 10:30-11:30.

Conflict mill open to all students with schedule problems from 11:30 to 1:45.

Friday will be a minimum

day. Freshmen stay home from school on Wednesday, juniors and sophomores stay home on Thursday if their schedules are not in conflict. The conflict mill will be open on Thursday from 11:30 to 2:30 p.m. for any and all students with problems in their schedules.

The bus schedule on Dec. 17, 18 and 19 will be as follows:

On Dec. 17, regular A.M. pickup for all juniors (and

sophomores if they want to arrive early).

Return home delivery at 10:30 for juniors and pickup for sophomores.

Regular P.M. pickup departure home at 2:15 p.m.

On Dec. 18, regular A.M. pickup for all freshmen. Return home delivery at 10:30 for freshmen and pickup of all students in conflict. Regular P.M. departure home at 2:15.

On Dec. 19, minimum day. Regular A.M. pickup. School is out at 11:30 a.m.

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